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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6929

BY REPRESENTATIVES REVILLA (R.J.) AND REVILLA (B.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 283

## AN ACT

## DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE SAINT MARY MAGDALENE PARISH CHURCH, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAWIT, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, A TOURISM DESTINATION

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION I. The immediate environs of the Saint Mary Magdalene Parish Church located in the Municipality of Kawit, Province of Cavite, are hereby declared a tourism 2 destination. Pursuant thereto, the development of the immediate environs of the Saint Mary 3 Magdalene Parish Church shall be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism 4 5 (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism destinations. 6 SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of Kawit shall, in coordination with the DOT, Department of Public Works and Highways, 7 National Historical Commission of the Philippines and concerned agencies of the government, 8 9 prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation and appropriate infrastructure and facilities improve the 10 maintenance of such to overall features of the immediate environs surrounding the Saint Mary Magdalene Parish 11

Church, thereby ensuring its accessibility and the security of tourists: *Provided*, That said
 development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the historical significance
 of the area: *Provided*, *further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall
 be included in the budget of the municipal government of Kawit.

SEC. 3. The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Kawit in the implementation
of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism capacity building.
It shall also include the immediate environs of the Saint Mary Magdalene Parish Church in its
national and regional promotion programs.

9 SEC. 4. The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
10 budget of the municipal government of Kawit. The DOT may augment such allocation with
11 internally-generated funds.

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the municipal government of Kawit shall, in consultation with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government, promulgate rules and regulations to implement this Act.

15 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official

16 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,