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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 9 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, "The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all."

Sitio Timoga is one of the thirty-five (35) sitios of Barangay Buru-un in Iligan City. It has immense potential for tourism for its enjoyable panoramic views and cold spring resorts, collectively known as the Timoga Springs, which are located along the coastal highway.

This bill seeks to declare Sitio Timoga in Barangay Buru-un in the City of Iligan, Province of Lanao del Norte, an ecotourism zone to be known as the Timoga Ecotourism Zone. Declaring the sitio as an ecotourism site will generate not only community business opportunities but also job opportunities to the residents of the area. It will also ensure the sustainable use, development, management, protection, and conservation of Sitio Timoga.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Timoga Ecotourism Zone.* – Sitio Timoga in Barangay Buru-un in the City of Iligan, Province of Lanao del Norte, is declared an ecotourism zone to be known as the Timoga Ecotourism Zone. Its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism zones.

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SEC. 2. Technical Description of the Timoga Ecotourism Zone. – The technical
 descriptions of the Timoga Ecotourism Zone, declared as a tourist destination, are as
 follows:

a. Macapagal-Macaraeg Ancestral House – Lot 6-c-5-A which is a portion of Lot
6-c, Psd-12-010341.
Beginning at a point denominated as corner #1 being N 69 degrees 26' m

14 E. 1077.85 m from B.L.B.M. No. 1 Barrio of Buru-un, Iligan City,

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16	Thence	N 80 degrees	00'E.122.47	to point 2
17	Thence	S 13 degrees	17'E.29.56m	to point 3
18	Thence	S 81 degrees	30'W.19.34m	to point 4
19	Thence	S 38 degrees	04'W.25.62m	to point 5
20	Thence	S 83 degrees	35′W.66.58m	to point 6
20	Thence	N 84 degrees	28'W.16.64m	to point 7
		2	21'W.22.60m	to point 8
22	Thence	N 31 degrees	21 00.22.0011	to point o

to point 6 51'E.17.19m Thence N 6 degrees 1 Point of beginning, containing an area of five thousand square meters (5,000 2 3 sqm); 4 b. Proposed Macapagal-Macaraeg International Convention Center – Lot 6-c-10 5 which is a portion of 1^{st} 6-c, Psd 12-010341. 6 Beginning at a point marked 1 on plan which is N 76 degrees 22'E 1,704.67m 7 from B.L.B.M. No. 1 Barangay of Buru-un, Iligan City. 8 to point 2 64.86m S 87 dearees Thence 9 to point 3 191.56m S 14 degrees 10 Thence to point 4 01W. 54.88m Thence S 57 degrees 11 to point 5 137.45m 40'W. N 26 dearees Thence 12 to point 6 111.07m 01'E. N 57 degrees Thence 13 to point 7 7.60m N 33 degrees 50'E. Thence 14 to point 8 07'W. 39.15m N 07 degrees Thence 15 to point 1 N 82 degrees 52'E. 20m Thence 16 To point of beginning containing an area of twenty thousand square meters 17 (20,000 sqm); and, 18 19 c. Macapagal-Macaraeg Business Center and Amusement Park – a parcel of land 20 Lot 6-C, of the subdivision plan Psd-12-010341, being a portion of Lot 6, Psu-21 72860, situated in the Barrio of Buru-un, City of Iligan. 22 180.74m to point 2 N 80 degrees 00'E Thence 23 160.00m to point 3 00'E N 80 degrees Thence 24 to point 4 203.15m N 63 degrees 08'E Thence 25 to point 6 N 45 degrees 52'E 10.99m Thence 26 to point 8 S 60 degrees 25.36m 06'E Thence 27 164.65m to point 10 07'E S 7 degrees Thence 28 to point 12 50'W 191.56m Thence S 14 degrees 29 15.64m to point 14 23'W Thence S 58 degrees 30 39.35m to point 16 N 36 degrees 43'W Thence 31 to point 18 68.87m N 34 degrees 11W Thence 32 to point 20 24'W 33.12m S 59 degrees Thence 33 64.77m to point 22 S 81 degrees 30'W Thence 34 to point 24 66.68m 35'W S 83 degrees 35 Thence to point 26 N 66 degrees 43'W 26.36m Thence 36 10.33m to point 28 53'W Thence S 81 degrees 37 N 65 degrees 26.16m to point 30 55'E Thence 38 to point 32 16.11m Thence N 83 degrees 18'E 39 to point 5 123.36m 24'W N 47 degrees Thence 40 to point 7 19'E 13.82m S 2 degrees Thence 41 to point 9 31.05m 30'W S 20 degrees 42 Thence 05'E 64.86m to point 11 S 87 degrees Thence 43

1 2 3 4	Thence Thence Thence Thence	S 57 degrees N 36 degrees N 74 degrees N 46 degrees	01'W 43'W 15'W 47'W	205.70m 246.69m 39.24m 9.12m	to point 13 to point 15 to point 17 to point 19
5	Thence	S 85 degrees	49'W	22.46m	to point 21
6	Thence	S 38 degrees	04'W	25.62m	to point 23
7	Thence	N 84 degrees	28'W	27.69m	to point 25
8	Thence	S 46 degrees	30'W	15.87m	to point 27
9	Thence	N 30 degrees	52′W	20.42m	to point 29
10	Thence	S 57 degrees	57'E	18.64m	to point 31
11	Thence	N 6 degrees	51'E	17.19m	to point 1

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To point of beginning containing an area of one hundred eleven thousand four hundred forty-two square meters (111,442 sqm).

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The Timoga Ecotourism Zone shall contain a land area of one hundred thirty-sex thousand four hundred forty-two square meters (136,422 sqm), more or less.

18 SEC. 3. Tourism Development Plan. – Within one (1) year after the approval of 19 this Act, the DOT shall, in coordination with the local government units of the City of 20 Iligan and agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan involving 21 the construction, installation, and maintenance of appropriate facilities and 22 infrastructure that shall enhance tourism in the area. Provided, That the development 23 plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the natural beauty and resources 24 of the area shall conform with the concept of ecotourism as provided in the national 25 ecotourism strategy jointly issued by the DOT and the Department of Environment and 26 Natural Resources. 27

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SEC. 4. *Implementation of the Tourism Development Plan.* – The DOT and its attached agencies shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan that suits the natural characteristics of Sitio Timoga in Barangay Buru-un, Iligan City and incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year. It shall also include the Timoga Ecotourism Zone in all its national, regional, and local promotion programs.

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SEC. 5. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the annual General Appropriations Act and internally generated funds of the DOT.

SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) days from the
 effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Tourism shall, in consultation with the local
 government units of the City of Iligan, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations
 for the effective implementation of this Act.

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1 **SEC. 7.** *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive 2 orders, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed, 3 amended, or revised accordingly.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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