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AN ACT

DISTINGUISHING THE DAO TREE LOCATED WITHIN A SECONDARY FOREST IN THE INTEGRATED FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (IFMA) AREA OF THE E. PELAEZ RANCH IN BAYOMBONG, BARANGAY CUGMAN, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AS THE CAGAYAN DE ORO HERITAGE TREE, AND DECLARING IT A TOURIST ATTRACTION

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Dao tree, located within a secondary forest in the
2 Integrated Forest Management Agreement (IFMA) area of the E. Pelaez Ranch in

1 Bayombong, Barangay Cugman, Cagayan de Oro City, and which is estimated to
2 be two hundred (200) years old, is hereby declared the “Cagayan de Oro Heritage
3 Tree” and a tourist attraction.

4 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the local
5 government of Cagayan de Oro City shall, in coordination with the Department of
6 Tourism (DOT), Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Cagayan de
7 Oro City Cultural Heritage Conservation Council, Tourism Infrastructure and
8 Enterprise Zone Authority and concerned agencies of the government, prepare a
9 tourism development plan involving the promotion of the Cagayan de Oro Heritage
10 Tree and the development of its immediate environs as a tourist attraction that shall
11 include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate
12 infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said
13 development plan shall ensure the protection and preservation of the Dao tree:
14 *Provided further*, That the implementation of the tourism development plan shall
15 be included in the budget of the local government of Cagayan de Oro City.

16 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the local government of Cagayan de Oro City
17 in the implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical
18 assistance in tourism capacity building. It shall also include the Dao Tree in all its
19 national and regional promotion programs.

20 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in
21 the annual budget of the local government of Cagayan de Oro City. The DOT may
22 augment such allocation with internally-generated funds.

1 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the local
2 government of Cagayan de Oro City shall, in consultation with the DOT and
3 concerned agencies of the government, promulgate rules and regulations to
4 implement this Act.

5 **SEC. 6.** All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, presidential decrees
6 and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby
7 deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

8 **SEC. 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
9 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,