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**AN ACT
DECLARING THE PASSIG ISLET LOCATED IN BARANGAY BATO,
MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, AN
ECOTOURISM SITE**

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Passig Islet located in Barangay Bato, Municipality of Sta. Cruz,
2 Province of Davao del Sur, is hereby declared an ecotourism site. As such, its development shall

1 be prioritized and supported by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the rules and
2 regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

3 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the municipal government of
4 Sta. Cruz shall, in coordination with the DOT and concerned agencies of the government,
5 prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation and
6 maintenance of such appropriate infrastructure and facilities to enhance tourism in the area:
7 *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation, conservation and optimum
8 utilization of the available assets and resources of the area: *Provided further*, That the
9 implementation of the tourism development plan shall be included in the budget of the municipal
10 government of Sta. Cruz.

11 **SEC. 3.** The DOT shall assist the municipal government of Sta. Cruz in the
12 implementation of the tourism development plan by providing technical assistance in tourism
13 capacity building. It shall also include the Passig Islet in all its national and regional promotion
14 programs.

15 **SEC. 4.** The funding for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
16 budget of the municipal government of Sta. Cruz. The DOT may augment such allocation with
17 internally-generated funds.

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

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23 repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,