



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES ALBANO, ARAGONES, BASCUG, VIOLAGO, GATO, GO (M.), MATUGAS, FARIÑAS (R.C.), EBCAS, BAÑAS-NOGRALES, DAGOOC, SAULOG, GUYA, SAVELLANO, BARBA, DY (F.), FRASCO, LOYOLA, SILVERIO AND ELAGO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1028

AN ACT

DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE SAN PABLO CHURCH LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN PABLO, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, A TOURISM DESTINATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The immediate environs of the San Pablo Church located in the
2 Municipality of San Pablo, Province of Isabela, is hereby declared a tourism destination. As
3 such, the development of the immediate environs of the San Pablo Church shall be prioritized
4 by the Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the municipal government of San
5 Pablo and other concerned agencies, subject to the rules and regulations governing the
6 development of tourism destinations.

7 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in
8 coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the National
9 Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), the municipal government of San Pablo
10 and other concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that
11 shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and

1 infrastructure to improve the overall features of the immediate environs surrounding the San
2 Pablo Church, thereby ensuring its accessibility and the security of tourists: *Provided*, That
3 said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the historical
4 significance of the area.

5 **SEC. 3.** The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps to
6 implement the appropriate tourism development plan for the immediate environs of the San
7 Pablo Church and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the
8 calendar year immediately succeeding the approval of this Act.

9 **SEC. 4.** The Secretaries of the DOT and DPWH shall include in their respective
10 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included
11 in the annual General Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with the
12 internally generated funds of the DOT.

13 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall, in
14 consultation with the municipal government of San Pablo, promulgate the necessary rules and
15 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

16 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
17 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,