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ALBANO, BARBA, DY (F.), FRASCO, LOYOLA, SILVERIO, ELAGO, LUSOTAN AND GONZALEZ,
PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1030

AN ACT
DECLARING THE DIBULO FALLS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
DINAPIGUE, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION,
PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Dibulo Falls located in the Municipality of Dinapigue, Province of
2 Isabela, is hereby declared an ecotourism destination. As such, its development shall be
3 prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned agencies, subject to the
4 rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism destinations.

5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year from approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in coordination
6 with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and concerned local
7 government units and agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that
8 shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and
9 infrastructure to improve the overall feature of the area, thereby ensuring the accessibility and

1 security of tourists: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and
2 conservation of the natural beauty and resources of the area: *Provided, further*, That any
3 activity and development to be carried out in the area shall conform with the concept of
4 ecotourism as provided for in the National Ecotourism Strategy jointly formulated by the DOT
5 and the DENR.

6 **SEC. 3.** The Department of Tourism and its concerned attached agencies shall take
7 immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan with due consideration to the
8 natural characteristics of the Dibulo Falls, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism
9 development program for the calendar year immediately succeeding the approval of this Act.
10 It shall also include the Dibulo Falls in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

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

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

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

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

Approved,