HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9976

BY REPRESENTATIVES SILVERIO, ARAGONES, BASCUG, VIOLAGO, GATO, GO (M.), MATUGAS, FARIÑAS (R.C.), EBCAS, BAŇAS-NOGRALES, DAGOOC, SAULOG, GUYA, SAVELLANO, ALBANO (A.), BARBA, DY (F.), FRASCO, LOYOLA AND ELAGO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1124

AN ACT

DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF DOÑA REMEDIOS TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, A TOURISM 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:

- SECTION 1. The Municipality of Doña Remedios Trinidad, Province of Bulacan, is
- 2 hereby declared a tourism destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the
- 3 Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to rules and regulations governing the development of
- 4 tourism destinations.
- 5 **SEC. 2.** Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in coordination
- 6 with the municipal government of Doña Remedios Trinidad and concerned agencies of the
- 7 government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation
- 8 and maintenance of appropriate facilities and infrastructure to enhance tourism in the area:
- 9 Provided, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the
- 10 natural beauty and resources of the area.

- SEC. 3. The DOT shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan
- 2 with due consideration to the natural characteristics of the Municipality of Doňa Remedios
- 3 Trinidad, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the calendar
- 4 year immediately succeeding the approval of this Act. It shall also include the Municipality of
- 5 Doña Remedios Trinidad in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.
- 6 SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the
- 7 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
- 8 Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the
- 9 Department.
- SEC. 5. Within sixty days (60) from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall, in
- 11 consultation with concerned government agencies and stakeholders, promulgate the rules and
- regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.
- 13 **SEC. 6.** If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other
- provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.
- SEC. 7. All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent
- with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.
- SEC. 8. This Act shall take fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or
- in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,