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BY REPRESENTATIVES GONZALES (A.), LAZATIN AND LACSON-NOEL,  
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AN ACT DECLARING MOUNT ARAYAT, BORDERING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ARAYAT AND MAGALANG, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA A TOURIST 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. Mount Arayat, located along the borders of the  
2 municipalities of Arayat and Magalang, Province of Pampanga is  
3 hereby declared a tourist destination. As such, its development shall  
4 be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), subject to the  
5 rules and regulations governing the development of tourist  
6 destinations.

7 SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the  
8 DOT, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and  
9 Highways, the provincial government of Pampanga, and the  
10 municipal governments of Arayat and Magalang, shall prepare a  
11 tourism development plan involving the construction, installation  
12 and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure  
13 that shall promote ecotourism in the area and ensure its accessibility  
14 and the security of tourists: *Provided*, That said development plan

1 shall preserve and conserve the natural beauty and resources of the  
2 area.

3 SEC. 3. The DOT, the Department of Environment and  
4 natural Resources (DENR) and other concerned agencies shall take  
5 immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan that  
6 will cater to the natural characteristics of Mount Arayat and shall  
7 incorporate the same in its overall development plans and programs  
8 for national implementation.

9 SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the  
10 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of  
11 which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act  
12 and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

13 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act,  
14 the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA),  
15 the Provincial Governor of Pampanga, and the Municipal Mayors of  
16 Arayat and Magalang, shall promulgate the necessary implementing  
17 rules and regulations (IRR) for the proper and effective enforcement,  
18 administration and implementation of this Act. For this purpose,  
19 they shall have the power and authority to create a Secretariat and  
20 Technical Working Group (TWG) to assist them in the drafting of the  
21 IRR: *Provided*, That the provincial government of Pampanga shall  
22 defray the necessary expenses of the Secretariat and the TWG for the  
23 performance of its official functions and activities.

24 SEC. 6. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act  
25 is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, other sections or  
26 provisions thereof which are not affected thereby, shall continue in  
27 full force and effect.

1           SEC. 7. All laws, decrees, executive orders and proclamations,  
2 or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act, are deemed repealed or  
3 modified accordingly.

4           SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
5 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of national  
6 circulation.

Approved,

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