AN ACT
DECLARING THE SOGOD ZIPLINE LOCATED ALONG THE VICINITY OF AGAS-AGAS BRIDGE IN BARANGAY KAHUPIAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SOGOD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, A TOURISM DESTINATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Sogod Zipline located along the vicinity of Agas-Agas Bridge in Barangay Kahupian, Municipality of Sogod, Province of Southern Leyte, is hereby declared a tourism destination. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned agencies of the government, subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism destinations.

SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in coordination with the municipal government of Sogod and other concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure to enhance tourism in the area: Provided, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the natural beauty and resources in the area.
SEC. 3. The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps to implement the development plan and incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the calendar year immediately succeeding the approval of this Act. It shall also include the Sogod Zipline in all its national, regional and local promotion programs.

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

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,