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REPORT NO. 2295

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 16 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL INTEGRATED
PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM ACT OF 1992"

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as
2 the "National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992", is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 "SEC. 16. *Integrated Protected Areas Fund.* – There is
5 hereby established a trust fund to be known as Integrated
6 Protected Areas [(IPAS)] Fund (IPAF) for purposes of
7 financing projects of the System. The [IPAS] IPAF may solicit
8 and receive donations, endowments, and grants in the form of
9 contributions, and such endowments shall be exempted from
10 income or gift taxes and all other taxes, charges or fees imposed
11 by the Government or any political subdivision or instrumentality
12 thereof.

1 “All incomes generated from the operation of the System
2 or management of wild flora and fauna shall accrue to the Fund
3 **SUBJECT TO THE RETENTION BY THE BOARD OF EACH**
4 **PROTECTED AREA, OF SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT (75%) OF ALL**
5 **THE REVENUE RAISED THEREFROM. [and may be utilized**
6 **directly by the DENR for the above purpose.] These incomes**
7 **shall be derived from:**

8 “(a) Taxes from the permitted sale and export of flora and
9 fauna and other resources from protected areas;

10 “(b) Proceeds from lease of multiple-use areas;

11 “(c) Contributions from industries and facilities directly
12 benefiting from the protected area; and

13 “(d) Such other fees and incomes derived from the
14 operation of the protected area.

15 “**THE FUND INCLUDING ALL DONATIONS, GRANTS,**
16 **ENDOWMENTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES AND OTHER**
17 **CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN ANY GOVERNMENT**
18 **BANK WITHIN THE LOCALITY WHERE EACH PROTECTED AREA**
19 **IS LOCATED: *PROVIDED*, THAT IF THERE IS NO GOVERNMENT**
20 **BANK AVAILABLE IN THE LOCALITY, AN ACCOUNT SHALL BE**
21 **OPENED IN A GOVERNMENT BANK NEAREST TO THE LOCALITY.**

22 “Disbursements from the Fund shall be made solely for
23 the protection, maintenance, administration, and management of
24 the System, and duly approved projects endorsed by the PAMBs,
25 in the amounts authorized by the DENR **IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
26 **EXISTING ACCOUNTING, BUDGETING AND AUDITING RULES AND**
27 **REGULATIONS: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE FUND SHALL NOT BE**
28 **USED TO COVER PERSONAL SERVICES EXPENDITURES.”**

1 **SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.*** – If any part of this Act is declared invalid
2 or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the other parts of this Act.

3 **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.*** – Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7586 and
4 all laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, administrative orders,
5 rules and regulations inconsistent herewith or contrary to the provisions of this
6 Act are deemed amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

7 **SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
8 after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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