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- BY REPRESENTATIVES GO (M.), CASTRO (F.H.), ROA-PUNO, HOFER, ORTEGA (V.N.), PALMA, NOEL, SALO, GONZALES (A.P.), PIMENTEL, SAVELLANO, GARIN (R.), GARCIA (J.E.), FORTUN, BRAVO (A.), BERTIZ, CAMPOS, SALON, BELARO, GULLAS, TEJADA, VIOLAGO, ZUBIRI, ALEJANO, GONZALES (A.D.), CHIPECO, BORDADO, MANGAOANG, CARI, TREÑAS, FERNANDO, NUÑEZ-MALANYAON, TUPAS, BATAOIL, CUARESMA, ROMUALDO, SILVERIO, DALIPE, CALDERON, MARCOLETA, VERGARA, SY-ALVARADO, BRAVO (M.V.) AND NIETO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1294
- AN ACT DECLARING BURNHAM PARK LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO A NATIONAL HERITAGE PARK AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ITS CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared the policy of the State
to protect, preserve, and conserve the nation's cultural heritage,
its properties and history, and the ethnicities of local communities.

4 SEC. 2. The Burnham Park, located in the City of Baguio, 5 is hereby declared a national heritage park. As such, its 6 development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism 7 (DOT) and Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority 8 (TIEZA), in coordination with the National Historical Commission 9 of the Philippines (NHCP) and the City Government of Baguio, 1 and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of national heritage parks. 2

SEC. 3. Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, 3 the DOT, TIEZA, NHCP and the City Government of Baguio shall 4 5 prepare the development plan involving the conservation and/or 6 maintenance of the appropriate facilities which shall enhance the 7 identified areas: *Provided*, That said development shall ensure the preservation of the cultural heritage and the historical significance 8 of the identified areas. 9

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOT, the Chairperson of NHCP, 10 and the Chief Operating Officer of the TIEZA shall include in their 11 respective programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of 12 which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act 13 14 and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

15 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act. the DOT, TIEZA, NHCP and the City Government of Baguio shall 16 formulate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective 17 18 implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. All laws, decrees, executive orders, letters of 19 20 implementation, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent 21 with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, 22 superseded or amended accordingly.

23 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general 24 25 circulation.

Approved,