



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5132

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BY REPRESENTATIVES BIRON, BANAAG AND FIGUEROA, PER COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 1418

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AN ACT DECLARING THE CALAYAN RAIL, LOCALLY KNOWN AS  
"PIDING", AS A PROTECTED BIRD IN THE PHILIPPINES AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1           SECTION 1. This Act shall be known and cited as the "Calayan Rail  
2 Protected Bird Act of the Philippines".

3           SEC. 2. The Calayan Rail, a bird locally known as "*Piding*," is hereby  
4 declared a protected bird.

5           SEC. 3. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
6 (DENR) shall identify and establish sanctuaries as are necessary to preserve  
7 this bird specie. For this purpose, it may also secure the assistance of private  
8 associations and foundations for support, financial grant or technical  
9 cooperation arrangements as may be necessary in the establishment and

1 maintenance of the sanctuaries, conduct of studies on the natural habitat, food  
2 requirements, predator-prey control measures and other ecological factors most  
3 conducive to the conservation of the Calayan Rail.

4 SEC. 4. To ensure the proper protection and conservation of the  
5 Calayan Rail, the killing, hunting, wounding or taking away of the same, the  
6 destruction of its habitat, disturbing or taking away of nests or eggs of such  
7 bird, the keeping in captivity of such bird for nonscientific purposes, and/or the  
8 destruction of identified Calayan Rail sanctuaries are hereby prohibited.

9 Any person violating any provision of this Act or the rules and  
10 regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the DENR pursuant to this Act  
11 shall be punished by *prision correccional* or by a fine of not less than Ten  
12 thousand pesos (Php10,000.00) nor more than Fifty thousand pesos  
13 (Php50,000.00) or both fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.  
14 In subsequent offenses, the court shall impose both imprisonment and fine. In  
15 case of insolvency, the corresponding subsidiary imprisonment shall be  
16 suffered.

17 SEC. 5. Within ninety (90) days upon the effectivity of this Act, the  
18 Secretary of the DENR shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the  
19 effective implementation of this Act.

20 SEC. 6. Should any provision of this Act be declared unconstitutional,  
21 the same shall not affect the validity or the legality of the other provisions.

1           SEC. 7. All laws, issuances, orders and regulations inconsistent  
2 herewith are hereby repealed and/or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,

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