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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9353

By Representatives Go (M.) and Mangaoang, per Committee Report No. 968

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.
- SEC. 2. Burnham Park, located in the City of Baguio, is hereby declared a national heritage park. As such, its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), in coordination with the city government of Baguio.
 - SEC. 3. Within six (6) months after the approval of this Act, the DOT, TIEZA, and the city government of Baguio shall prepare a tourism development plan, containing, among others, the conservation and maintenance of the appropriate facilities that shall enhance tourism in the area: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the cultural heritage and the historical significance of the area.
- SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOT and the Chief Operating Officer of TIEZA shall include in their respective programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which

- shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act, and shall augment such
- 2 allocation with internally generated funds of the DOT.
- 3 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT, TIEZA,
- 4 and the city government of Baguio shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its
- 5 proper implementation.
- 6 SEC. 6. All laws, rules, regulations, presidential decrees and other issuances
- 7 inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed and amended
- 8 accordingly.
- 9 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
- 10 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
- 11 Approved,