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BY REPRESENTATIVES GONZALES (A.), BARZAGA AND YAP (E.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 916

“AN ACT

DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND [MT. ARAYAT] LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, [AS] A PROTECTED AREA WITH THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS) TO BE REFERRED TO AS THE MT. ARAYAT PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, [AND] PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

ARTICLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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3 **SECTION 1. *Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “Mt. Arayat Protected
4 Landscape Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – COGNIZANT OF THE PROFOUND
6 IMPACT OF HUMAN ACTIVITIES ON ALL COMPONENTS OF THE NATURAL
7 ENVIRONMENT, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO
8 SECURE FOR THE FILIPINO PEOPLE OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE
9 GENERATIONS, THE PERPETUAL EXISTENCE OF ALL NATIVE PLANTS
10 AND ANIMALS THROUGH THE DECLARATION OF PROTECTED AREAS
11 UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM
12 (NIPAS) WITHIN THE CLASSIFICATION OF NATIONAL PARK AS PROVIDED
13 FOR IN THE CONSTITUTION.

14 In recognition of the richness of the biological resources, both flora and

1 fauna, that are native and distinct to Mt. Arayat in the province of Pampanga, as
2 well as their aesthetic and ecological importance, it is hereby declared the policy of
3 the State to ensure the conservation, protection, management and rehabilitation of
4 this area. The State shall ensure the full implementation of this Act, the
5 mobilization of resources for the institutional mechanism herein established, and
6 the full scientific and technical support needed for the conservation of biodiversity
7 and the integrity of the ecosystem, culture and religious practices.

8 **SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.*** – As used in this Act:

- 9 a. *Buffer zones* refer to identified areas outside the boundaries of and
10 immediately adjacent to designated protected areas that need special
11 development control in order to avoid or minimize harm to the protected
12 area;
- 13 b. *Conservation* refers to any act or acts of preservation and sustainable
14 utilization of wildlife or maintenance, restoration and enhancement of
15 habitats;
- 16 c. *Indigenous cultural communities/Indigenous peoples* refer to a group of
17 people sharing common bonds of language, customs, traditions, and other
18 distinctive cultural traits, and who have, since time immemorial occupied,
19 possessed and utilized a territory;
- 20 d. *Protected area* refers to identified portions of land and water set aside by
21 reason of their unique physical and biological significance, managed to
22 enhance biological diversity and protected against destructive human
23 exploitation;
- 24 e. *Protected landscape or seascape* refers to an area of national significance
25 which is characterized by the harmonious interaction of human[s;] and land
26 and water while providing opportunities for public enjoyment through
27 recreation, tourism, and other economic activities; and
- 28 f. *Tenured migrants* refer to protected area occupants who have been actually,
29 continuously and presently occupying a portion of the protected area for five
30 (5) years before the proclamation or law establishing the same as a
31 protected area, and are solely dependent therein for subsistence.

32 **SEC. 4. [~~Declaration as Protected Area~~] CLASSIFICATION AS A**

1 *NATIONAL PARK.* – The Mt. Arayat Protected Landscape (MAPL), bordering the
2 Municipalities of Arayat and Magalang in the Province of Pampanga, is hereby
3 declared a protected area with the category of protected landscape pursuant to
4 Republic Act No. 7586, or the “National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of
5 1992”, as amended by Republic Act No. 11038, or the “Expanded National
6 Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018”. All lands of the public domain
7 within the coverage and scope of this Act shall fall under the classification of
8 national park as provided for in the Constitution.

9 **SEC. 5. *Scope and Coverage.*** – The boundaries of the MAPL are more
10 particularly described as follows:

11 a. ~~[Lot I pertains to the area beginning at a point marked “1” on the~~
12 ~~Map, which is S 56°56'42" E, 125.875 meters from PRS'92 Control Monument~~
13 ~~“PMG 73”, with geographic coordinates of 15°10'19.58023” Latitude and~~
14 ~~120°45'36.60799” Longitude located at the Barangay San Juan Baño, Municipality~~
15 ~~of Arayat, Province of Pampanga,~~

- 16 ~~thence N69°08'09"W 612.131 meters to corner 2;~~
- 17 ~~thence N69°27'22"W 536.23 meters to corner 3;~~
- 18 ~~thence N64°35'57"W 133.934 meters to corner 4;~~
- 19 ~~thence S66°06'46"W 523.011 meters to corner 5;~~
- 20 ~~thence S75°24'27"W 696.106 meters to corner 6;~~
- 21 ~~thence N75°26'16"W 1017.796 meters to corner 7;~~
- 22 ~~thence N77°28'22"W 166.215 meters to corner 8;~~
- 23 ~~thence N88°35'34"W 894.287 meters to corner 9;~~
- 24 ~~thence N40°17'46"W 765.383 meters to corner 10;~~
- 25 ~~thence N40°45'18"W 1077.689 meters to corner 11;~~
- 26 ~~thence N39°43'42"W 576.005 meters to corner 12;~~
- 27 ~~thence N39°43'42"W 216.223 meters to corner 13;~~
- 28 ~~thence N37°39'57"W 593.06 meters to corner 14;~~
- 29 ~~thence N44°08'47"E 258.075 meters to corner 15;~~
- 30 ~~thence N42°18'55"E 1182.858 meters to corner 16;~~
- 31 ~~thence N43°04'58"E 1059.675 meters to corner 17;~~
- 32 ~~thence N41°24'26"E 1067.178 meters to corner 18;~~

1 ~~thence N41°24'26"E 631.256 meters to corner 19;~~
2 ~~thence N09°07'56"E 1049.962 meters to corner 20;~~
3 ~~thence N76°54'20"E 141.753 meters to corner 21;~~
4 ~~thence N41°57'39"E 440.24 meters to corner 22;~~
5 ~~thence N74°10'58"E 611.396 meters to corner 23;~~
6 ~~thence N53°58'15"E 152.948 meters to corner 24;~~
7 ~~thence S65°16'43"E 228.131 meters to corner 25;~~
8 ~~thence S65°16'43"E 1154.261 meters to corner 26;~~
9 ~~thence S67°38'21"E 861.707 meters to corner 27;~~
10 ~~thence S47°43'40"E 767.634 meters to corner 28;~~
11 ~~thence S42°47'37"E 470.518 meters to corner 29;~~
12 ~~thence S23°39'30"E 592.717 meters to corner 30;~~
13 ~~thence S23°39'30"E 714.729 meters to corner 31;~~
14 ~~thence S18°41'17"E 518.149 meters to corner 32;~~
15 ~~thence S26°05'38"E 324.828 meters to corner 33;~~
16 ~~thence S87°03'49"W 909.88 meters to corner 34;~~
17 ~~thence S04°26'00"W 732.224 meters to corner 35;~~
18 ~~thence S02°17'46"W 109.852 meters to corner 36;~~
19 ~~thence S72°14'18"E 246.853 meters to corner 37;~~
20 ~~thence S23°42'08"W 340.667 meters to corner 38;~~
21 ~~thence S23°42'08"W 364.433 meters to corner 39;~~
22 ~~thence S24°37'57"W 587.191 meters to corner 40;~~
23 ~~thence S82°49'15"W 440.745 meters to corner 41;~~
24 ~~thence S06°51'15"E 449.242 meters to corner 42;~~
25 ~~thence S33°23'02"E 350.192 meters to corner 43;~~
26 ~~thence S00°06'26"E 616.447 meters to corner 44;~~
27 ~~thence S39°40'50"W 210.602 meters to corner 45;~~
28 ~~thence S60°14'35"E 157.967 meters to corner 46;~~
29 ~~thence S01°34'25"W 90.492 meters to corner 1,~~
30 ~~and comprises three thousand seven hundred eleven and 34/100 (3,711.34)~~
31 ~~hectares, more or less.~~

32 b. ~~Lot II pertains to the area beginning at a point marked "1" on the~~

1 ~~Map, which is N16°15'07"W, 104.288 meters from PRS'92 Control Monument~~
2 ~~"PMG 73", with geographic coordinates of 15°10'19.58023" Latitude and~~
3 ~~120°45'36.60799" Longitude located at the Barangay San Juan Baño, Municipality~~
4 ~~of Arayat, Province of Pampanga,~~

5 ~~thence N39°40'26"E 225.621 meters to corner 2;~~
6 ~~thence N39°40'26"E 49.858 meters to corner 3;~~
7 ~~thence N01°32'34"W 289.163 meters to corner 4;~~
8 ~~thence N57°33'26"E 59.821 meters to corner 5;~~
9 ~~thence N57°33'26"E 15.516 meters to corner 6;~~
10 ~~thence N54°50'26"E 29.25 meters to corner 7;~~
11 ~~thence S83°01'34"E 42.335 meters to corner 8;~~
12 ~~thence N66°46'26"E 118.442 meters to corner 9;~~
13 ~~thence S47°11'34"E 11.644 meters to corner 10;~~
14 ~~thence S17°03'34"E 11.814 meters to corner 11;~~
15 ~~thence S14°16'26"W 97.745 meters to corner 12;~~
16 ~~thence S04°01'26"W 198.971 meters to corner 13;~~
17 ~~thence S17°23'34"E 32.912 meters to corner 14;~~
18 ~~thence S30°38'34"E 32.562 meters to corner 15;~~
19 ~~thence S53°53'34"E 65.413 meters to corner 16;~~
20 ~~thence S88°42'26"W 122.974 meters to corner 17;~~
21 ~~thence S23°51'26"W 29.11 meters to corner 18;~~
22 ~~thence S40°14'26"W 11.824 meters to corner 19;~~
23 ~~thence S13°15'26"W 32.201 meters to corner 20;~~
24 ~~thence S07°08'34"E 12.745 meters to corner 21;~~
25 ~~thence S17°42'26"W 37.743 meters to corner 22;~~
26 ~~thence S05°57'26"W 58.161 meters to corner 23;~~
27 ~~thence S75°10'26"W 8.583 meters to corner 24;~~
28 ~~thence N71°36'34"W 3.781 meters to corner 25;~~
29 ~~thence S20°31'26"W 7.153 meters to corner 26;~~
30 ~~thence S55°00'26"W 12.064 meters to corner 27;~~
31 ~~thence S11°54'26"W 8.413 meters to corner 28;~~
32 ~~thence S02°52'35"E 10.484 meters to corner 29;~~

1 ~~thence S31°41'25"W 9.373 meters to corner 30;~~
2 ~~thence S19°13'35"E 7.343 meters to corner 31;~~
3 ~~thence S14°58'35"E 5.922 meters to corner 32;~~
4 ~~thence S51°19'35"E 31.201 meters to corner 33;~~
5 ~~thence S32°09'25"W 9.153 meters to corner 34;~~
6 ~~thence S42°20'25"W 85.471 meters to corner 35;~~
7 ~~thence S33°57'25"W 11.824 meters to corner 36;~~
8 ~~thence S08°57'25"W 15.956 meters to corner 37;~~
9 ~~thence S77°25'25"W 21.608 meters to corner 38;~~
10 ~~thence S77°25'25"W 40.985 meters to corner 39;~~
11 ~~thence S77°25'25"W 23.168 meters to corner 40;~~
12 ~~thence N16°53'35"W 6.812 meters to corner 41;~~
13 ~~thence N01°34'25"E 90.492 meters to corner 42;~~
14 ~~thence N60°16'32"W 157.957 meters to corner 1;~~
15 ~~and comprises fifteen and 16/100 (15.16) hectares, more or less.]~~

16 **A. LOT 1 PERTAINS TO THE AREA BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON THE MAP,**
17 **WHICH IS S 56°56'42" E, 125.875 METERS FROM PRS 92 "PMG-73", WITH A GEOGRAPHIC**
18 **COORDINATES OF 15°10'19.58023" LATITUDE AND 120°45'36.60799" LONGITUDE LOCATED**
19 **IN BARANGAY SAN JUAN BAÑO, MUNICIPALITY OF ARAYAT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA,**

20 THENCE N 69°08'09" W 612.13 METERS TO CORNER 2 ;
21 THENCE N 69°27'22" W 536.23 METERS TO CORNER 3 ;
22 THENCE N 64°35'57" W 133.93 METERS TO CORNER 4 ;
23 THENCE S 66°06'46" W 523.01 METERS TO CORNER 5 ;
24 THENCE S 75°24'27" W 696.11 METERS TO CORNER 6 ;
25 THENCE N 75°26'16" W 1017.80 METERS TO CORNER 7 ;
26 THENCE N 77°28'22" W 166.22 METERS TO CORNER 8 ;
27 THENCE N 88°35'34" W 894.29 METERS TO CORNER 9 ;
28 THENCE N 40°17'46" W 765.38 METERS TO CORNER 10 ;
29 THENCE N 40°45'18" W 1077.69 METERS TO CORNER 11 ;
30 THENCE N 39°43'42" W 576.01 METERS TO CORNER 12 ;
31 THENCE N 39°43'42" W 216.22 METERS TO CORNER 13 ;
32 THENCE N 37°39'57" W 593.06 METERS TO CORNER 14 ;
33 THENCE N 44°08'47" E 258.08 METERS TO CORNER 15 ;

1	THENCE	N 42°18'55" E	1182.86	METERS TO CORNER 16 ;
2	THENCE	N 43°04'58" E	1059.68	METERS TO CORNER 17 ;
3	THENCE	N 41°24'26" E	1067.18	METERS TO CORNER 18 ;
4	THENCE	N 41°24'26" E	631.26	METERS TO CORNER 19 ;
5	THENCE	N 09°07'56" E	1049.96	METERS TO CORNER 20 ;
6	THENCE	N 76°54'20" E	141.75	METERS TO CORNER 21 ;
7	THENCE	N 41°57'39" E	440.24	METERS TO CORNER 22 ;
8	THENCE	N 74°10'58" E	611.40	METERS TO CORNER 23 ;
9	THENCE	N 53°58'15" E	152.95	METERS TO CORNER 24 ;
10	THENCE	S 65°16'43" E	228.13	METERS TO CORNER 25 ;
11	THENCE	S 65°16'43" E	1154.26	METERS TO CORNER 26 ;
12	THENCE	S 67°38'21" E	861.71	METERS TO CORNER 27 ;
13	THENCE	S 47°43'40" E	767.63	METERS TO CORNER 28 ;
14	THENCE	S 42°47'37" E	470.52	METERS TO CORNER 29 ;
15	THENCE	S 23°39'30" E	592.72	METERS TO CORNER 30 ;
16	THENCE	S 23°39'30" E	714.73	METERS TO CORNER 31 ;
17	THENCE	S 18°41'17" E	518.15	METERS TO CORNER 32 ;
18	THENCE	S 26°05'38" E	324.83	METERS TO CORNER 33 ;
19	THENCE	S 87°03'49" W	909.88	METERS TO CORNER 34 ;
20	THENCE	S 04°26'00" W	732.22	METERS TO CORNER 35 ;
21	THENCE	S 02°17'46" W	109.85	METERS TO CORNER 36 ;
22	THENCE	S 72°14'18" E	246.85	METERS TO CORNER 37 ;
23	THENCE	S 23°42'08" W	340.67	METERS TO CORNER 38 ;
24	THENCE	S 23°42'08" W	364.43	METERS TO CORNER 39 ;
25	THENCE	S 24°37'57" W	587.19	METERS TO CORNER 40 ;
26	THENCE	S 82°49'15" W	440.75	METERS TO CORNER 41 ;
27	THENCE	S 06°51'15" E	449.24	METERS TO CORNER 42 ;
28	THENCE	S 33°23'02" E	350.19	METERS TO CORNER 43 ;
29	THENCE	S 00°06'26" E	616.45	METERS TO CORNER 44 ;
30	THENCE	S 39°40'50" W	210.60	METERS TO CORNER 45 ;
31	THENCE	S 60°14'35" E	157.97	METERS TO CORNER 46 ;
32	THENCE	S 01°34'25" W	90.49	METERS TO CORNER 1 .

33 THE POINT OF BEGINNING, COMPRISING AN AREA OF THREE THOUSAND SEVEN
34 HUNDRED ELEVEN AND 34/100 (3,711.34) HECTARES, MORE OR LESS.

35 **B. LOT II PERTAINS TO THE AREA BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON THE MAP,**
36 **WHICH IS N16°15' 07"W, 104.288 METERS FROM PRS'92 CONTROL MONUMENT "PMG-73",**
37 **WITH A GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES OF 15°10'19.58023" LATITUDE AND 120°45'36.60799"**
39 **LONGITUDE LOCATED IN BARANGAY SAN JUAN BAÑO, MUNICIPALITY OF ARAYAT,**
40 **PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA,**

1	THENCE	N 39°40'26" E	225.62	METERS TO CORNER 2 ;
2	THENCE	N 39°40'26" E	49.86	METERS TO CORNER 3 ;
3	THENCE	N 01°32'34" W	289.16	METERS TO CORNER 4 ;
4	THENCE	N 57°33'26" E	59.82	METERS TO CORNER 5 ;
5	THENCE	N 57°33'26" E	15.52	METERS TO CORNER 6 ;
6	THENCE	N 54°50'26" E	29.25	METERS TO CORNER 7 ;
7	THENCE	S 83°01'34" E	42.34	METERS TO CORNER 8 ;
8	THENCE	N 66°46'26" E	118.44	METERS TO CORNER 9 ;
9	THENCE	S 47°11'34" E	11.64	METERS TO CORNER 10 ;
10	THENCE	S 17°03'34" E	11.81	METERS TO CORNER 11 ;
11	THENCE	S 14°16'26" W	97.75	METERS TO CORNER 12 ;
12	THENCE	S 04°01'26" W	198.97	METERS TO CORNER 13 ;
13	THENCE	S 17°23'34" E	32.91	METERS TO CORNER 14 ;
14	THENCE	S 30°38'34" E	32.56	METERS TO CORNER 15 ;
15	THENCE	S 53°53'34" E	65.41	METERS TO CORNER 16 ;
16	THENCE	S 88°42'26" W	122.97	METERS TO CORNER 17 ;
17	THENCE	S 23°51'26" W	29.11	METERS TO CORNER 18 ;
18	THENCE	S 40°14'26" W	11.82	METERS TO CORNER 19 ;
19	THENCE	S 13°15'26" W	32.20	METERS TO CORNER 20 ;
20	THENCE	S 07°08'34" E	12.75	METERS TO CORNER 21 ;
21	THENCE	S 17°42'26" W	37.74	METERS TO CORNER 22 ;
22	THENCE	S 05°57'26" W	58.16	METERS TO CORNER 23 ;
23	THENCE	S 75°10'26" W	8.58	METERS TO CORNER 24 ;
24	THENCE	N 71°36'34" W	3.78	METERS TO CORNER 25 ;
25	THENCE	S 20°31'26" W	7.15	METERS TO CORNER 26 ;
26	THENCE	S 55°00'26" W	12.06	METERS TO CORNER 27 ;
27	THENCE	S 11°54'26" W	8.41	METERS TO CORNER 28 ;
28	THENCE	S 02°52'35" E	10.48	METERS TO CORNER 29 ;
29	THENCE	S 31°41'25" W	9.37	METERS TO CORNER 30 ;
30	THENCE	S 19°13'35" E	7.34	METERS TO CORNER 31 ;
31	THENCE	S 14°58'35" E	5.92	METERS TO CORNER 32 ;
32	THENCE	S 51°19'35" E	31.20	METERS TO CORNER 33 ;
33	THENCE	S 32°09'25" W	9.15	METERS TO CORNER 34 ;
34	THENCE	S 42°20'25" W	85.47	METERS TO CORNER 35 ;

1	THENCE S 33°57'25" W	11.82 METERS TO CORNER 36 ;
2	THENCE S 08°57'25" W	15.96 METERS TO CORNER 37 ;
3	THENCE S 77°25'25" W	21.61 METERS TO CORNER 38 ;
4	THENCE S 77°25'25" W	40.99 METERS TO CORNER 39 ;
5	THENCE S 77°25'25" W	23.17 METERS TO CORNER 40 ;
6	THENCE N 16°53'35" W	6.81 METERS TO CORNER 41 ;
7	THENCE N 01°34'25" E	90.49 METERS TO CORNER 42 ;
8	THENCE N 60°16'32" W	157.96 METERS TO CORNER 1

9 THE POINT OF BEGINNING, COMPRISING AN AREA OF FIFTEEN AND 16/100 (15.16)
10 HECTARES, MORE OR LESS.

11 **SEC. 6. *Establishment of Buffer Zones.*** – The Secretary of the
12 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), upon the
13 recommendation of the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB), CREATED
14 UNDER SECTION 7 OF THIS ACT, may designate areas surrounding the MAPL
15 as buffer zones for the purpose of providing an extra layer of protection where
16 restrictions may be applied: *Provided*, That, in cases where the designated buffer
17 zone would cover private lands, the owners thereof shall be required to design their
18 development with due consideration to the protected area management plan.

19 **ARTICLE II**

20 **MANAGEMENT MECHANISMS**

21 **SEC. 7. *Protected Area Management Board (PAMB).*** – Within [~~three (3)~~
22 ~~months~~] NINETY (90) DAYS from the effectivity of this Act, a Protected Area
23 Management Board (PAMB) shall be created [~~for~~] TO OVERSEE THE
24 MANAGEMENT OF the MAPL. The PAMB shall be composed of the following:

- 25 a. DENR Regional Executive Director for Region III, as Chairperson;
- 26 b. Governor of the Province of Pampanga or [a] HIS/HER duly authorized
27 representative;
- 28 c. Senators of the Republic of the Philippines who are [a] duly registered
29 residents of Pampanga, or THEIR duly designated representatives,
30 unless the Senators decline membership in the PAMB;
- 31 d. CONGRESSIONAL DistrictS [~~Representatives~~]
32 District where the MAPL is located, or their duly designated
33 representatives, unless the District Representatives decline the

1 membership in the PAMB;

- 2 e. Mayors of the Municipalities of Arayat and Magalang, Province of
3 Pampanga or their duly authorized representatives;
- 4 f. Chairpersons of all the *barangays* with territorial jurisdiction over the
5 MAPL;
- 6 g. Regional Directors of the following government agencies, namely: the
7 Department of Agriculture (DA), the National Economic and
8 Development Authority (NEDA), the Department of Science and
9 Technology (DOST), the Philippine National Police (PNP), [~~and~~] the
10 Department of National Defense (DND), AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 TOURISM (DOT);
- 12 h. Three (3) representatives from either non-governmental organizations
13 (NGOs) or people's organizations (POs), based in the Province of
14 Pampanga, duly accredited both by the DENR and the provincial
15 government. The NGOs or POs represented should have been in
16 existence for at least five (5) years and with track record in or related to
17 protected area management;
- 18 i. At least one (1) but not more than three (3) representatives from all the
19 indigenous cultural community (ICC)/ indigenous people (IP) present in
20 the area and recognized by the National Commission on Indigenous
21 Peoples (NCIP);
- 22 j. One (1) representative from an academic institution, preferably from a
23 university or college in the Province of Pampanga, with proven track
24 record in or related to protected area management RELATIVE TO ANY
25 PROJECT OR ACTIVITY WITHIN THE MAPL; and
- 26 k. One (1) representative from the private sector, preferably a resident of
27 the Province of Pampanga, who is distinguished in a profession or field
28 of interest relevant to the protected area management.

29 The terms of office of members of the PAMB, as well as the grounds for
30 their removal shall be in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7586,
31 or the "National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992", as amended by
32 Republic Act No. 11038, or the "Expanded National Integrated Protected System

1 Act of 2018”.

2 **SEC. 8. POWERS AND Functions of the PAMB.** – The PAMB shall have
3 the following powers and functions:

- 4 a. Oversee the management of the [~~protected area~~] MAPL;
- 5 b. Approve policies, plans and programs, proposals, agreements, and other
6 related documents for the management of the [~~protected areas~~] MAPL;
- 7 c. Approve the management plan of the [~~protected area~~] MAPL and ensure its
8 harmonization and integration with the Ancestral Domain Sustainable
9 Development and Protection Plan, land use plan and other development
10 plan, public or private, and its implementation;
- 11 d. Adopt a manual of operations to include rules of procedures in the conduct
12 of business, and the creation of committees and their respective terms of
13 reference;
- 14 e. Recommend the deputation of appropriate agencies and individuals for the
15 enforcement of the laws, rules and regulations governing the management
16 of the [~~protected area~~] MAPL;
- 17 f. Allocate financial resources for the implementation of the management plan
18 and manage the Protected Area Retention Income Account and other funds
19 in accordance with the accounting and budgeting rules and regulations;
- 20 g. Set fees and charges in accordance with existing guidelines;
- 21 h. Issue rules and regulations for the resolution of conflicts through
22 appropriate and effective means;
- 23 i. Recommend appropriate policy changes to the DENR and other government
24 authorities WITH RESPECT TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MAPL;
- 25 j. Monitor and assess the performance of the Protected Area Superintendent
26 (PASu) and other protected area personnel and compliance of partners with
27 the terms and conditions of any undertaking, contract or agreement;
- 28 k. Recommend from among a shortlist of qualified candidates, the designation
29 or appointment of the PASu; and
- 30 l. Assess the effectiveness of the management of the [~~protected area~~] MAPL:
31 *Provided*, That the members of the [~~management board~~] PAMB representing

1 the LGUs and national agencies [~~in the PAMB~~] shall inform their respective
2 constituents, offices or sectors, of PAMB-approved or other relevant policies,
3 rules, regulations, programs, and projects and shall ensure that the
4 provisions of this Act and the rules and regulations issued to implement it
5 are complied with and used as reference and framework in their respective
6 plans, policies, programs, and projects. Failure to comply with the foregoing
7 shall be the basis for disciplinary action against such member according to
8 administrative rules and regulations and such penalties as the PAMB may
9 provide: *Provided, further*, That the DENR, through the Regional Director,
10 shall ensure that the PAMB acts within the scope of its powers and
11 functions. In case of conflict between the resolutions issued by the PAMB
12 and the existing administrative orders of national application, the latter
13 shall prevail.

14 **SEC. 9. *The Protected Area Management Office (PAMO)*.** – There is
15 hereby established a Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) to be headed by
16 a Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) who shall supervise the day to day
17 management, protection, and administration of the [~~AMPL~~] MAPL. The PASu
18 shall hold a permanent plantilla position and shall be appointed by the DENR
19 Secretary. A sufficient number of support staff with permanent plantilla positions
20 shall likewise be appointed by the DENR Secretary to assist the PASu in the
21 management of the [~~protected area~~] MAPL.

22 The PASu shall be primarily accountable to the PAMB and the DENR for
23 the management and operations of the MAPL. Pursuant thereto, the PASu shall
24 have the following duties and responsibilities:

- 25 a. Prepare the management plan, in consultation with the stakeholders,
26 including the annual work and financial plan and ensure its
27 implementation;
- 28 b. Ensure the integration of the [~~protected area~~] MAPL management plans,
29 programs, projects, and policies with relevant national and LGUs' plans and
30 programs;
- 31 c. Provide secretariat services to the PAMB and its committees and ensure the
32 availability of relevant and timely information for decision-making;

- 1 d. Formulate and recommend to the PAMB proposed policies, rules,
2 regulations, and programs;
- 3 e. Establish, operate, and maintain a database management system which
4 shall be an important basis for decision-making;
- 5 f. Enforce the laws, rules and regulations relevant to the [~~protected area~~]
6 MAPL, commence and institute administrative and legal actions in
7 collaboration with other government agencies or organizations, and assist in
8 the prosecution of offenses committed in violation of the provisions this Act;
- 9 g. Monitor, evaluate, and report the implementation of management activities
10 of the [~~protected area~~] MAPL;
- 11 h. Request for and receive any technical assistance, support or advice from any
12 agency or instrumentality of the government as well as academic
13 institutions, NGOs, and the private sector, as may be necessary for the
14 effective management, protection and administration of the [~~protected area~~]
15 MAPL;
- 16 i. Issue permits and clearances for activities that implement the management
17 plan and other permitted activities in accordance with terms, conditions,
18 and criteria established by the PAMB: *Provided*, That all permits for
19 extraction activities, including collection for research purposes, shall also
20 continue to be issued by relevant authorities, subject to prior clearance from
21 the PAMB, through the PASu, in accordance with the specific acts to be
22 covered;
- 23 j. Collect and receive pertinent fees, charges, donations, and other income for
24 the [protected area] MAPL: *Provided*, That such fees, charges, donations, and
25 other income collected and received shall be reported regularly to the PAMB
26 and the DENR in accordance with existing guidelines;
- 27 k. Prepare and recommend to the PAMB, approval of the annual work and
28 financial plans of the [~~protected area~~] MAPL based on the management plan;
29 and
- 30 l. Perform such other functions as the PAMB and the DENR may assign.

1 The PAMO may be augmented by the deputized local environment and
2 natural resources officers upon the recommendation of the PAMB and approval of
3 the DENR.

4 ARTICLE III

5 PROCEEDS AND FEES

6 **SEC. 10. *The Mt. Arayat Protected Landscape INTEGRATED***
7 ***PROTECTED AREA Fund.*** – There is hereby established a trust fund to be
8 known as the Mt. Arayat Protected Landscape INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREA
9 Fund (MAPL-IPAF) for purposes of financing projects of the MAPL and the NIPAS.
10 All income generated from the operation and management of wild flora and fauna
11 in the MAPL shall accrue to the ~~[fund]~~ MAPL-IPAF. The income shall be derived
12 from fees from permitted sale and export of flora and fauna and other resources
13 from the MAPL, proceeds from lease of multiple-use areas, contributions from
14 industries and facilities directly benefiting from the MAPL, and such other fees
15 and income derived from the operation of the MAPL.

16 The PAMB shall retain seventy-five percent (75%) of all revenues raised
17 through the above means, which shall be deposited in the Protected Area-Retained
18 Income Account (PA-RIA) in any authorized government depository bank within
19 the locality: *Provided*, That disbursements out of such deposits shall be used solely
20 for the protection, maintenance, administration, and management of the ~~[protected~~
21 ~~area]~~ MAPL and implementation of duly approved projects of the PAMB. The
22 remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of revenues shall be deposited as a special
23 account in the general fund in the National Treasury for purposes of financing the
24 programs and projects of the ~~[System]~~ NIPAS.

25 The fund may be augmented by grants, donations, AND endowment from
26 various sources, domestic or foreign: *Provided*, That the fund shall be deposited in
27 full as a special account in the National Treasury and disbursements [-]
28 therefrom shall be made solely for the protection, maintenance, administration
29 and management of the ~~[system]~~ NIPAS and duly approved projects endorsed by
30 the PAMB in accordance with existing accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules
31 and regulations: *Provided, further*, That the fund shall not be used to cover
32 personal services expenditures.

1 The LGUs shall continue to impose and collect all other fees not enumerated
2 herein which they have traditionally collected, such as property business permits,
3 property tax and rentals of LGUs' facilities.

4 **ARTICLE IV**

5 **TRANSITORY AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

6 **SEC. 11. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of the DENR shall immediately
7 include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding
8 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

9 **SEC. 12. Suppletory Application of the NIPAS Law.** – ~~In all matters~~
10 ~~not provided under this Act]~~ THE PROVISIONS OF Republic Act No. 7586, or the
11 “National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992”, as amended by Republic
12 Act No. 11038, or the “Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act
13 of 2018” shall ~~apply in]~~ HAVE suppletory ~~character, or by analogy whenever~~
14 ~~practicable and convenient]~~ APPLICATION TO THIS ACT.

15 **SEC. 13. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within ninety (90)
16 days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DENR shall, in
17 consultation with local governments of the Municipalities of Arayat and
18 Magalang, the provincial government of Pampanga, and concerned national
19 government agencies, issue the corresponding rules and regulations for the
20 effective implementation of this Act.

21 **SEC. 14. Separability Clause.** – If any section or provision of this Act is
22 held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining sections or provisions ~~with the~~
23 ~~provisions]~~ not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

24 **SEC. 15. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, letters of instruction,
25 executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof
26 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

27 **SEC. 16. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
28 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,