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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 88

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change; and Finance on MAY 2 5 2023.

Re

Senate Bill No. 1691.

Recommending the approval of Senate Bill No. 1691 with amendments, taking into consideration House Bill No. 7506.

Sponsor:

Senator Cynthia A. Villar

MR. PRESIDENT:

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The Committees on Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change; and Finance to which were referred **Senate Bill No. 1691**, introduced by Senators Villar (C.) and Legarda, entitled:

"AN ACT

DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FRANCISCO IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON, A PROTECTED AREA WITH THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREA SYSTEM, TO BE REFERRED TO AS THE SAN FRANCISCO PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

and **House Bill No. 7506**, introduced by Representatives Arrogancia, Barzaga, and Co (E.), entitled:

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have considered the same and have the honor to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that Senate Bill No. 1691, taking into consideration House Bill No. 7506, be approved with the following amendments:

- 1. On page 5, line 1, after the word "duly", delete the word "authorized" and in lieu thereof, replace it with the word "**DESIGNATED**";
- 2. On the same page, line 4, after the word "duly", delete the word "designated" and in lieu thereof, replace it with the word "AUTHORIZED";
- 3. On the same page, line 11, after the word "duly", delete the word "authorized" and in lieu thereof, replace it with the word "**DESIGNATED**";
- 4. On page 10, line 1, between the words "projects" and "of", insert the phrase "AND SUSTAINING THE OPERATION";
- 5. On page 11, line 9, between the words "issue" and "rules", insert the phrase "THE CORRESPONDING";
- On the same page, line 15, before the word "issuance", insert the phrase "AND OTHER";
- 7. On the same page and line, add letter **"S"** to the word "issuance" to make it in plural form; and
- 8. On the title of the bill, fifth line, between the words "INTEGRATED" and "SYSTEM", add letter "S" to the word "AREA" to make it in plural form.

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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the attached technical description (TD) of Senate Bill No. 1691, also referred to as the "San Francisco Protected Landscape Act", is correct in terms of general location and total area, compliant with the standard bearing-distance format and PRS92 requirement. Further, its linear error of closure is within the allowable limit. The said TD is subject to ground delineation and demarcation.

This Certification is issued upon the request of the Senate Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change, Senate, Pasay City.

Used. PETER N. TANGCO, PhD, CESO I
Administrator

SAN FRANCISCO PROTECTED LANDSCAPE ACT Senate Bill No. 1691

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point marked "1" on the Map, being N 43° 19' 44" E., 2,157.25 meters from "QZN-3477" with geographic coordinates of 13° 20' 53.63034" Latitude and 122° 30' 56.32977" Longitude located at Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of San Francisco, Quezon,

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from the point of beginning containing an area of **TWENTY-NINE AND 60/100 (29.6)** hectares, more or less. Bearings and distances of line were derived using the PRS92 Philippine Zone III coordinate system, subject to ground delineation and demarcation.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under the 1987 Philippine Constitution, it is a declared policy that the State "shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature." In line with safeguarding a healthful ecology, the Constitution likewise provides that Congress shall determine the national parks, which shall be conserved and may not be increased nor diminished, except by law.²

Pursuant to the said constitutional provisions, the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) was established by virtue of Republic Act (RA) No. 7586, as amended by RA No. 11038, otherwise known as the "Expanded NIPAS Act of 2018". Cognizant of the exacting impact of diverse human activities on all components of the natural environment, the NIPAS Act declared it the policy of the State "to secure for the Filipino people of present and future generations the

¹ Article II, Section 16, 1987 Philippine Constitution

² Article XII, Sec. 3, 1987 Philippine Constitution

perpetual existence of all native plants and animals through the establishment of a comprehensive system of integrated protected areas within the classification of national park as provided for in the Constitution." The system shall encompass ecologically rich, unique and biologically important areas that are habitats of threatened species of plants and animals, biogeographic zones and related ecosystems, whether terrestrial, wetland or marine, all of which shall be designated as 'protected areas'.³

To date, as of January 2023, there are already 114 protected areas in the Philippines that have been so declared through legislation. And yet, based on the records and various suitability assessments by the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), there are still numerous sites in the country that have to be given 'protected area' status, by legislative action, in order to ensure its conservation.

This bill seeks to declare the Mulanay Watershed Forest Reserve (MWFR) in the Municipality of San Francisco, Province of Quezon into the San Francisco Protected Landscape. The MWFR is covered by Proclamation No. 296 series of 1938 and part of the initial components of the NIPAS. The area is characterized by an abundance of forest vegetation and a vital sanctuary of threatened fauna and flora species.

In 2021, the MWFR was subjected to the Protected Area Suitability Assessment (PASA) by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to determine its suitability to be legislated as a protected area pursuant to the Expanded NIPAS Act. Through the PASA, it was determined that the MWFR is suitable to be declared a protected area under the category of Protected Landscape due to its rich and lush forest vegetation that serves as the habitat of various wildlife, including threatened flora and fauna species. The PASA also resulted to have the area renamed as "San Francisco Protected Landscape" through legislation.

³ Section 2, RA No. 7586, as amended by RA 11038

The MWFR has a total area of 29.6 hectares. Its rich biodiversity of flora and fauna include those in the updated national lists of threatened Philippine plants and animals and their respective categories. The Biodiversity Monitoring System Report identified eighty-three (83) floral species and fifty-nine (59) faunal species in the area, three (3) flora and two (2) fauna species of which were classified as endangered. Significantly, the MWFR also provides clean source of water for the people that can be used domestically and agriculturally.

Considering all the foregoing, I recommend the approval of this bill.

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

ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "San Francisco Protected Landscape Act".

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy. – Cognizant of the profound impact of human activity on all components of the natural environment, it is hereby declared the policy of the State to secure for the Filipino people of present and future generations, the perpetual existence of all native plants and animals through the declaration of protected areas under the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) within the classification of national park as provided for in the Constitution.

In recognition of the richness of the biological resources, both flora and fauna, that are native and distinct to the Mulanay Watershed Forest Reserve, as well as their aesthetic and ecological importance, a parcel of land located in the

Municipality of San Francisco, Province of Quezon, is hereby declared a protected area under the category of protected landscape, and shall hereinafter be referred to as the San Francisco Protected Landscape (SFPL). As such, the State shall ensure the conservation, protection, management and rehabilitation of the area. It is likewise recognized that effective administration of this area is possible only through cooperation among the National Government, local government units (LGUs), concerned nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), private entities and local communities. The use and enjoyment of this area must be consistent with the principles of biological diversity and sustainable development.

Towards this end, the State shall ensure the full implementation of this Act, the mobilization of resources for the institutional mechanisms herein established, and the full scientific and technical support needed for the conservation of biodiversity and the integrity of the ecosystems, and cultural and indigenous practices.

Sec. 3. Definition of Terms. – As used in this Act:

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- a) Buffer zones refer to identified areas outside the boundaries of and immediately adjacent to designated protected areas that need special development control in order to avoid or minimize harm to the protected area;
- b) *Conservation* refers to any act or acts of preservation and sustainable utilization of wildlife or maintenance, restoration and enhancement of habitats;
- c) Indigenous cultural communities/Indigenous peoples refer to groups of people sharing common bonds of language, customs, traditions, and other distinctive cultural traits, and who have, since time immemorial occupied, possessed and utilized a territory;
- d) National park refers to land of the public domain classified as such in the Constitution which includes all areas under the NIPAS, primarily

designated for the conservation of native plants and animals, their associated habitats and cultural diversity;

- e) Protected area refers to an identified portion of land and water set aside by reason of its unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance biological diversity and protected against destructive human exploitation;
 - f) Protected landscape refers to an area of national significance which is characterized by the harmonious interaction of human and land and water while providing opportunities for public enjoyment through recreation, tourism, and other economic activities; and
 - g) Tenured migrants refer to protected area occupants who are presently occupying, and have been actually and continuously occupying, a portion of the protected area for five (5) years before the same was established by proclamation or law as a protected area, and are solely dependent therein for subsistence.
- Sec. 4. *Classification as a National Park.* The SFPL is comprised of a parcel of land of the public domain located in the Municipality of San Francisco, in the Province of Quezon. All lands of the public domain within the coverage and scope of the SFPL shall fall under the classification of national park as provided for in Article XII, Section 3 of the Constitution.
- Sec. 5. *Scope and Coverage.* The boundaries of the San Francisco Protected Landscape are more particularly described as the area beginning at a point marked "1" on the Map, being N 43° 19′ 44″ E., 2,157.25 meters from QZN–3477 with geographic coordinates of 13° 20′ 53.63034″ Latitude and 122° 30′ 56.32977″ Longitude located at Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of San Francisco, Province of Quezon

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Sec. 6. *Establishment of Buffer Zones.* – The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), upon the recommendation of the Protected Area Management Board created under Section 7 of this Act, may designate areas surrounding the SFPL as buffer zones for the purpose of providing an extra layer of protection where restrictions may be applied: *Provided,* That in cases where the designated buffer zone would cover private lands, the owners thereof shall be required to design their development with due consideration to the protected area management plan.

ARTICLE II MANAGEMENT MECHANISMS

Sec. 7. *Protected Area Management Board*. – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, a Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) shall be created to oversee the management of the SFPL. The PAMB shall be composed of the following:

a) DENR Regional Executive Director for Region IV-A, as Chairperson;

b) Governor of the Province of Quezon or a duly authorized representative;

- c) Senators of the Republic of the Philippines who are duly registered residents of the Province of Quezon, or their duly designated representatives, unless the Senators decline the membership in the PAMB;
- d) District Representative of the Congressional District where the SFPL is located, or a duly designated representative, unless the District Representative declines the membership in the PAMB;
- e) Mayor of the Municipality of San Francisco in the Province of Quezon or a duly authorized representative;
- f) Chairpersons of all the *barangays* with territorial jurisdiction over the SFPL;
- g) Regional Directors of the following government agencies, namely:
 Department of Agriculture, National Economic and Development
 Authority, Department of Science and Technology, Philippine National
 Police, Department of National Defense, and Department of Tourism;
- h) Three (3) representatives from either NGOs, or people's organizations (POs) based in the Province of Quezon, duly accredited both by the DENR and the provincial government. The NGOs or POs represented should have been in existence for at least five (5) years and with track record in or related to protected area management;
- i) At least one (1) but not more than three (3) representatives from all the indigenous cultural communities/ indigenous peoples present in the area and recognized by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples;
- j) One (1) representative from an academic institution, preferably from a university or college in the Province of Quezon, with proven track record in or related to protected area management; and

k) One (1) representative from the private sector, preferably a resident of the Province of Quezon, who is distinguished in a profession or field of interest relevant to the management of a protected area.

The terms of office of members of the PAMB, as well as the grounds for their removal shall be in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the "National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992" as amended by Republic Act No. 11038, otherwise known as the "Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018".

Sec. 8. *Functions of the PAMB*. – The PAMB shall have the following powers and functions:

a) Oversee the management of the SFPL;

- b) Approve policies, plans and programs, proposals, agreements, and other related documents for the management of the SFPL;
 - c) Approve the management plan of the SFPL and ensure its harmonization with and integration into the Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development and Protection Plan, land use plan and other development plans, public or private, and their implementation;
 - d) Adopt a manual of operations to include rules of procedures in the conduct of business, and the creation of committees and their respective terms of reference;
 - e) Recommend the deputation of appropriate agencies and individuals for the enforcement of the laws, rules and regulations governing the management of the SFPL;
 - f) Allocate financial resources for the implementation of the management plan and manage the Protected Area Retention Income Account and other funds in accordance with government accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules and regulations;

g) Set fees and charges in accordance with existing guidelines;

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- h) Issue rules and regulations for the resolution of conflicts through appropriate and effective means;
- i) Recommend appropriate policy changes to the DENR and other government authorities with respect to the management of the SFPL;
- j) Monitor and assess the performance of the Protected Area Superintendent and other protected area personnel and compliance of partners with the terms and conditions of any undertaking, contract or agreement relative to any project or activity within the SFPL;
- k) Recommend from among a shortlist of qualified candidates, the designation or appointment of the Protected Area Superintendent; and
 - Assess the effectiveness of the management of the SFPL: *Provided,*That the members of the PAMB representing the LGUs and national agencies shall inform their respective constituents, offices or sectors, of PAMB-approved or other relevant policies, rules, regulations, programs, and projects and shall ensure that the provisions of this Act and the rules and regulations issued to implement it are complied with and used as reference and framework in their respective plans, policies, programs, and projects. Failure to comply with the foregoing shall be the basis for disciplinary action against such member according to administrative rules and regulations and such penalties as the PAMB may provide: *Provided, further,* That the DENR, through the Regional Director, shall ensure that the PAMB acts within the scope of its powers and functions. In case of conflict between the resolutions issued by the PAMB and the existing administrative orders of national application, the latter shall prevail.
- Sec. 9. The Protected Area Management Office. There is hereby established a Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) to be headed by a Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) who shall supervise the day to day

management, protection, and administration of the SFPL. The PASu shall hold a permanent plantilla position and shall be appointed by the DENR Secretary. A sufficient number of support staff with permanent plantilla positions shall likewise be appointed by the DENR Secretary to assist the PASu in the management of the protected area.

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

- a) Prepare the management plan, in consultation with the stakeholders, including the annual work and financial plan and ensure its implementation;
- b) Ensure the integration of relevant national and LGU plans and programs into SFPL management plans, programs, projects, and policies;
- Provide secretariat services to the PAMB and its committees and ensure the availability of relevant and timely information for decisionmaking;
- formulate and recommend to the PAMB proposed policies, rules, regulations, and programs;
- e) Establish, operate, and maintain a database management system which shall be an important basis for decision-making;
- f) Enforce the laws, rules and regulations relevant to the SFPL, commence and institute administrative and legal actions in collaboration with other government agencies or organizations, and assist in the prosecution of offenses committed in violation of the provisions of this Act;
- g) Monitor, evaluate, and report the implementation of management activities of the SFPL;

h) Request for and receive any technical assistance, support or advice from any agency or instrumentality of the government as well as academic institutions, NGOs, and the private sector, as may be necessary for the effective management, protection and administration of the SFPL;

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- i) Issue permits and clearances for activities that implement the management plan and other permitted activities in accordance with terms, conditions, and criteria established by the PAMB: *Provided*, That all permits for extraction of natural resources for research purposes, including the collection of wildlife and its by-products or derivatives, shall specify the acts to be authorized, and shall continue to be issued by relevant authorities, subject to prior clearance from the PAMB, through the PASu;
- j) Collect and receive pertinent fees, charges, donations, and other income for the SFPL: *Provided*, That such fees, charges, donations, and other income collected and received shall be reported regularly to the PAMB and the DENR in accordance with existing guidelines;
- k) Prepare and recommend to the PAMB, approval of the annual work and financial plans of the SFPL based on the management plan; and
- l) Perform such other functions as the PAMB and the DENR may assign.

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

ARTICLE III PROCEEDS AND FEES

Sec. 10. The San Francisco Protected Landscape Integrated Protected Area Fund. — There is hereby established a trust fund to be known as the San Francisco Protected Landscape Integrated Protected Area Fund (SFPL-IPAF) for purposes of

financing projects of the SFPL and the NIPAS. All income generated from the operation and management of wild flora and fauna in the SFPL shall accrue to the SFPL-IPAF. The income shall be derived from fees from permitted sale and export of flora and fauna and other resources from the SFPL, proceeds from the lease of multiple-use areas, contributions from industries and facilities directly benefiting from the SFPL, and such other fees and income derived from the operation of the SFPL.

The PAMB shall retain seventy-five percent (75%) of all revenues raised through the above means, which shall be deposited in the Protected Area-Retained Income Account (PA-RIA) in any authorized government depository bank within the locality: *Provided*, That disbursements out of such deposits shall be used solely for the protection, maintenance, administration, and management of the SFPL and implementation of duly approved projects of the PAMB. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of revenues shall be deposited as a special account in the General Fund of the National Treasury for purposes of financing the projects of the NIPAS.

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

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

ARTICLE IV TRANSITORY AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 11. Appropriations. - The Secretary of the DENR shall immediately

- include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- Sec. 12. Suppletory Application of the NIPAS Law. The provisions of Republic Act No. 7586, as amended by Republic Act No. 11038, shall have suppletory application to this Act.
- Sec. 13. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DENR shall, in consultation with the local governments of the Municipality of San Francisco, the provincial government of Quezon, and concerned national government agencies, issue rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
- Sec. 14. *Separability Clause.* If any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining sections or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.
- Sec. 15. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, issuance or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- Sec. 16. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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