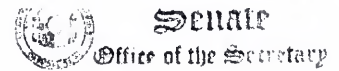


NINETEENTH CONGRESS OF THE )  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
*First Regular Session* )



'22 JUL 25 P1 32

SENATE  
S. No. 837

RECEIVED BY:

---

Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda

---

**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL PUBLIC PARKS SYSTEM,  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS, THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

The provision of public parks and open spaces is an essential component of community life and tourism. Apart from serving as a space for recreational enjoyment, the establishment of urban parks and open spaces plays a crucial role in protecting the environment, especially against adverse impacts of climate change.

Parks and open spaces act as filters for noise pollution, boost water supply, enrich biodiversity, and help improve air quality and moisture retention, thereby cooling the environment.

The establishment and preservation of national and urban parks and open spaces also promote the health and well-being of the citizenry, contribute to social cohesion, and induce tourism.

In this regard, this bill proposes the establishment and development of parks and recreational facilities in open spaces in cities and municipalities for public use.

The implementation of the proposed measure mandates the coordination and cooperation of policies, plans, and programs of different concerned sectors of Philippine society.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

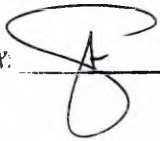


**LOREN LEGARDA**

NINETEENTH CONGRESS OF THE )  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES )  
First Regular Session )

'22 JUL 25 P1:32

SENATE  
S. No. 837

RECEIVED BY: 

---

Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda

---

**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL PUBLIC PARKS SYSTEM,  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS, THEREFOR**

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

**Chapter 1**

**Introductory Sections**

Section 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "*National  
Parks of 2022.*"

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State to protect  
and maintain the health and well-being of the Filipino people through  
the establishment and preservation of parks and open spaces. To this  
end, the State recognizes parks and open spaces as valuable assets, and as  
such:

- a) shall establish the Philippine National Public Parks System aimed  
to conserve the scenery, natural and historical objects, and to  
provide for their enjoyment in such manner and by such means  
as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future  
generations.
- b) shall recognize that parks and open spaces contribute to human  
health and well-being, social cohesion/identity, tourism,  
biodiversity, air quality, carbon sequestration, water

1 management, and cooling of the environment.

2 Sec. 3. *Definition of Terms.*- As used in this Act, the following  
3 words shall mean:

- 4 a) *Administrator* - refers to the Chief Executive Officer and Head of the  
5 National and Local Public Parks Authority (NALPA) Secretariat as  
6 defined in Sec. 9 of this Act.
- 7 b) *Board* - refers to the NALPA Board as defined in Sec. 5 of this Act.
- 8 c) *National and Local Public Parks* - refer to any land laid out as a public  
9 garden and/or used for public recreation. This does not refer to  
10 national shrines administered by the Philippine Veterans Affairs  
11 Office.
- 12 d) *National and Local Public Parks System or the System* - refers to the  
13 system of parks and open spaces as defined under Chapter 4 of  
14 this Act.
- 15 e) *NIPAS* - refers to the National Integrated Protected Areas System  
16 as defined in Republic Act No. 7586, as amended or the NIPAS  
17 Act.
- 18 f) *NPDC*- refers to the National Parks Development Committee  
19 created by Executive Order 30 series of 1963.
- 20 g) *NPF* or *NPFI* - refers to the Nayong Pilipino Foundation Inc., a  
21 government-owned and controlled corporation registered with the  
22 Securities and Exchange Commission on May 7, 1969, as a non--  
23 stock, non-profit corporation. Presidential Decree No. 37  
24 established the Nayong Pilipino Foundation on November 6, 1972.
- 25 h) *Protected Areas* - refers to the Protected Areas as defined under the  
26 NIPAS Act.
- 27 i) *Secretariat* - refers to the NALPA Secretariat as defined under Sec.  
28 7 of this Act.

29 **Chapter 2**

30 **Establishment of the National and Local Public Parks**  
31 **Authority**

1           Sec. 4. *Composition of the Authority.* - The Authority shall be  
2 composed of the Board and the Secretariat.

3           Sec. 5. *Composition of the Board.* - The NALPA Board shall be  
4 composed of the representatives of the following:

- 5           1. Secretary of Tourism as Chairperson;
- 6           2. Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources Co-  
7           Chairperson (who shall be officially represented by the Director  
8           of the Biodiversity Management Bureau);
- 9           3. Secretary of Public Works and Highways as Member;
- 10          4. Secretary of the Agriculture as Member;
- 11          5. Secretary of Interior and Local Government as Member;
- 12          6. Chairperson of the Commission of Higher Education as  
13          Member;
- 14          7. Director-General of the TESDA Secretariat.

15           In addition, the President of the Philippines shall appoint the  
16 following members from the private sector:

- 17          1. Two representatives, from a recognized professional  
18          architectural organization; and
- 19          2. Two representatives, from the academe, preferably in urban  
20          planning and development.

21           As soon as all the members of the private sector are appointed,  
22 they shall so organize themselves that the term of office of one-third (1 /  
23 3) of their number shall expire every year. The member from the private  
24 sector appointed thereafter to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of  
25 terms shall hold office for three (3) years.

26           The President of the Philippines may, however, revise the  
27 membership of the NALPA Board, whenever the President deems it  
28 necessary for the effective performance of the Board's functions through  
29 an administrative order.

30           The NALPA Board shall meet at least twice a year, or as frequently  
31 as may be deemed necessary by its Chairperson. In the absence of the



1 Chairperson, a Co-Chairperson shall preside. The internal rules of the  
2 NALPA Board shall be promulgated during its first organizational  
3 meeting.

4 The benefits, privileges, and emoluments of the Board shall be  
5 consistent with the existing laws and rules.

6 *Sec. 6. Powers and Functions of the Board.* - The Authority shall primarily  
7 be responsible for the National and Local Public Parks System including  
8 the establishment of policies, plans, and programs taking into consideration  
9 the following:

- 10 a) the State policy declared herein of giving due consideration to the  
11 establishment and maintenance of national and urban parks,  
12 open and green spaces, and recreational facilities;
- 13 b) the implementation of the above-mentioned policy requires the  
14 coordination and cooperation of policies, plans, and programs of  
15 different concerned sectors of Philippine society; and
- 16 c) equal and active participation of the national government and its  
17 appropriate agencies, the LGUs, the academe, and the private  
18 sector shall be made the rule in order to ensure that the National  
19 and Local Public Parks System shall be fully established and  
20 maintained.

21 The Board, shall have the following powers:

- 22 a) Establish minimum quotas for all LGUs for the designation of  
23 municipal and city lands for public parks, where applicable;
- 24 b) manage the country's National and Local Public Parks System,  
25 and in doing so shall guide and assist other government  
26 agencies and entities, and the LGUs in the planning,  
27 establishment, and management of parks that will be included  
28 in the System;
- 29 c) promulgate, after due consultation with concerned groups and  
30 entities, policies, plans, programs, and guidelines as may be  
31 necessary for the effective implementation of this Act and the

- 1 establishment of the National and Local Public Parks System;
- 2 d) establish and manage the National and Local Public Parks  
3 Institute, which shall serve as the national center for park  
4 administration, management, and maintenance training,  
5 research, and development;
- 6 e) in coordination with the Biodiversity Management Bureau, shall  
7 make Protected Areas accessible to the public for recreational  
8 purposes;
- 9 f) organize and constitute standing committees, subsidiary groups,  
10 or technical working groups for the efficient integration and  
11 coordination of local open spaces and urban parks;
- 12 g) exact reasonable fees and charges for such services provided  
13 and training conducted and retain such earnings for its own  
14 use, subject to guidelines promulgated by the Authority;
- 15 h) create, when deemed necessary, an Advisory Committee which  
16 shall provide expert and technical advice to the Board to be chosen  
17 from the academe and the private sector: *Provided*, That in case the  
18 Advisory Committee is created, the Board is hereby authorized to  
19 set aside a portion of its appropriation for its operation; and
- 20 i) carry out any and all other functions characteristic of public  
21 institutions of similar mandate and national scope, in line with  
22 prevailing international principles and best practices.

23 *Sec. 7. The NALPA Secretariat.* - The NALPA Secretariat, an  
24 independent agency of the executive department, shall have the  
25 primary mission of providing pro-active leadership in the continuous  
26 development of systematic approaches as well as measures to maintain  
27 and manage the National and Local Public Parks System, and shall have  
28 the following functions and responsibilities:

- 29 a) to establish and maintain a planning process and formulate a  
30 national parks development plan in which all concerned groups  
31 and entities at various levels participate;

- 1       b) to provide analytical inputs to policy decision-making of the  
2       Authority on the allocation of resources and institutional roles  
3       and responsibilities as shall be embodied in the annual national  
4       parks plans;
- 5       c) to recommend measures, and implement the same upon  
6       approval by the Authority, for the effective and efficient  
7       implementation of the national parks development plan;
- 8       d) to propose to the Authority the specific allocation of resources for  
9       the programs and projects it shall undertake pursuant to the  
10      approved national parks development plan;
- 11      e) to submit to the Authority periodic reports on the progress and  
12      accomplishment of work programs of implementation of plans  
13      and policies; and
- 14      f) to perform such other functions and duties as may be assigned by  
15      the Board.

16      Sec. 8. *The Dissolution of NPDC and NPF and Transfer to NALPA*  
17      *Secretariat.* - The NPDC and NPF are hereby dissolved and all their  
18      powers, functions, responsibilities, all applicable funds and  
19      appropriations, records, assets, and properties are hereby transferred to  
20      the NALPA Secretariat.

21      Sec. 9. *The NALPA Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.* - The  
22      NALPA Secretariat shall be headed by an Administrator, who shall  
23      likewise be a member of the Board. The Administrator shall be appointed  
24      by the President of the Philippines and shall enjoy the benefits, privileges  
25      and emoluments equivalent to the rank of Undersecretary.

26      As Chief Executive Officer of the Secretariat, the Administrator  
27      shall exercise general supervision and control over its technical and  
28      administrative personnel. The Administrator shall have the power to  
29      recommend to the Authority the structural organization and the  
30      personnel complement of the Secretariat. Furthermore, the  
31      Administrator shall appoint such personnel necessary to carry out the



1 objectives, policies, and functions of the Authority subject to Civil Service  
2 laws, rules, and regulations.

3 The Administrator may call upon other instrumentalities or  
4 entities of the government, non-government, and civic organizations for  
5 assistance in terms of the use of their facilities and resources for the  
6 management and administration of any park in the System. This  
7 authority includes the power to call on the Philippine National Police to  
8 maintain peace and order in any park in the System.

9 The performance of the functions of the Administrator under this  
10 Act shall, in no case, result in the diminution of the powers of the LGUs  
11 to establish their own parks or develop their own open or green spaces.

12 Sec. 10. *Deputy Administrators.* - The Administrator shall be assisted  
13 by four (4) Deputy Administrators for (i) Research and Development, (ii)  
14 National and Local Public Parks Operations, (iii) Local Public Parks  
15 Operations, and (iv) Park Architecture & Planning.

16 The Deputy Administrators shall enjoy the benefits, privileges, and  
17 emoluments equivalent to the rank of Assistant Secretary.

18 Sec. 11. *Regional Administrators.* - The Regional Administrators  
19 shall be under the direct control of the Administrator and shall oversee  
20 the operations of National and Local Public Parks at the regional level.

21 The Regional Administrators shall enjoy the benefits, privileges,  
22 and emoluments equivalent to the rank of a Regional Director, and shall  
23 provide technical assistance, particularly to local government units for  
24 effective supervision, coordination, and monitoring of national and local  
25 parks within their localities, and their integration to the National Public  
26 Park System.

27 Sec. 12. *Organizational Divisions.* - The Secretariat shall have the  
28 following Divisions which shall be headed by Division Chiefs:

- 29 a) Administrative Division;
- 30 b) Finance Division;
- 31 c) Programs and Public Affairs Division;

- 1 d) Internal Audit Division;
- 2 e) Security and Safety Division;
- 3 f) Information and Communications Technology Division; and
- 4 g) Cultural & Heritage Preservation Division.

5 The following Divisions shall be headed by the Deputies Administrators:

- 6 a) National Public Park Operations & Management;
- 7 b) Local Public Park Operations & Management;
- 8 c) Research & Development; and
- 9 d) Park Architecture & Planning.

10 *Sec. 13. Personnel Training, Development and Performance*  
11 *incentives.* - The Authority shall undertake training and development  
12 programs to upgrade the capabilities of its personnel in its various  
13 functions. Personnel shall be allowed to train or study outside the  
14 Institute, in the Philippines, or abroad, on official time, subject to the  
15 needs of the service, upon approval of the Administrator.

16 A system of monetary incentives shall be established to reward the  
17 superior performance and milestones of professional development on  
18 the part of management and administrative and technical personnel,  
19 subject to the approval of the Department of Budget and Management  
20 and, where applicable, to the Civil Service Commission.

21 *Sec. 14. Consultants and Technical Assistance, Publication, and*  
22 *Research.* - In pursuing its objectives, the Authority is hereby  
23 authorized to set aside a portion of its appropriation for the hiring of  
24 services of qualified consultants, and private organizations for research  
25 work and publication in the field of national and urban parks, and  
26 open and green spaces. It shall avail itself of the services of other  
27 agencies of the Government as may be required.

28 *Sec. 15. Privileges of the Authority.* - In line with the declared policy  
29 and the avowed purposes of this Act, and to ensure its independence  
30 and autonomy, the NALPA Secretariat shall be attached solely for  
31 budgetary coordination and related purposes to the Office of the

1 President. The Secretariat shall:

- 2 a) be classified as a National Government Agency, primarily for  
3 administrative purposes, including receiving its annual budget  
4 from the general appropriations of the National Government to  
5 cover appropriately the entirety of its mandated operations and  
6 activities;
- 7 b) be considered as higher in level than a Bureau or Bureau-level  
8 agency but beneath that of a Department or Department-level  
9 agency, primarily for administrative purposes as to staffing  
10 pattern and compensation scales; and
- 11 c) enjoy such privileges and special rules characteristic of both a  
12 Government-Owned or Controlled Corporation and a State  
13 University or College wherever possible and which, in any and all  
14 cases, promote the objectives of this Act; and that special rules as  
15 may be necessary to this effect be formulated and appropriately  
16 promulgated by the NALPA, the Department of Budget and  
17 Management, the Commission on Audit, and other concerned  
18 agencies.

### 19 Chapter 3

#### 20 The National Parks Institute

21 Sec. 16. *The Creation of the National Parks Institute.* - There is hereby  
22 created the National Parks Institute of the Philippines which shall be  
23 under the supervision of the Board. The Institute shall serve as the  
24 training and development arm of the Authority. The Institute shall be  
25 headed by a Director.

26 In coordination with CHED and state universities and colleges,  
27 and other private universities and institutions, the Institute shall  
28 establish a unique training course aimed at supporting the purposes of  
29 this Act, and shall:

- 30 a) Formulate and implement training programs for all personnel  
31 of NALPA and of LGUs, other agencies, and private entities



- 1 and institutions who wish to train with the Institute;
- 2 b) Formulate and implement select mandatory and specialized
- 3 courses, and for that purpose shall be allowed to issue
- 4 diplomas and technical certificates under such rules as will be
- 5 coordinated with CHED and TESDA;
- 6 c) Develop and implement research and development to support
- 7 NALPA and for educational training programs; and
- 8 d) Perform such other related functions as may be prescribed by
- 9 NALPA and the Board.

#### 10 Chapter 4

#### 11 The National Parks System

12 Sec. 17. *Study and Planning of National Parks, Urban Parks,*

13 *Open Spaces, and Recreational-Area Facilities.* - Within 3 years from the

14 effectivity of this Act, the Authority shall make a comprehensive study of

15 the National Parks, Urban Parks, Open Spaces, and Recreational-Area

16 Facilities programs of the national government and the LGUs and of

17 areas of land throughout the Philippines that are or may be chiefly

18 valuable as National Parks, Urban Parks, Open Spaces, and

19 Recreational-Area Facilities.

20 The report shall be submitted to the Board who shall be

21 empowered to declare specifically identified areas as either National

22 Parks, Urban Parks, Open Spaces, or Recreational-Area Facilities.

23 Sec. 18. *Identification of National Parks.* - Notwithstanding any law

24 or proclamation to the contrary, the following parks are hereby

25 considered National Parks and shall be under the authority of the

26 Authority: (1) Rizal Park, and (2) Paco Park.

27 Their Administrator and Provincial Administrators are strictly

28 mandated to investigate, study, and continually monitor areas whose

29 over-all circumstances exhibit qualities of national significance and

30 that may have the potential to become a NALPA Park.

31 Sec. 19. *Acquisition of Land.* - In the exercise of its power under this



1 Act, the Authority through the Administrator shall have the power to  
2 acquire land and interests in land within the boundary of any NALPA  
3 Park. In the same manner and for the establishment of an identified  
4 National Park, the power of eminent domain shall be exercised through  
5 the Administrator, or by any of its Deputies or Provincial Administrators.

6 *Sec. 20. Creation of Urban Parks and Open Spaces in LGUs.* - Within  
7 the period provided by the Authority, LGUs shall be obliged to identify  
8 Urban Parks and Open Spaces within their jurisdictions.

9 Identified areas may either become NALPA Administered Parks  
10 or maintain their nature as Local Parks at the discretion of the LGU.

11 The Authority is hereby mandated to enter into cooperative  
12 agreements with colleges and universities, in partnership with LGUs  
13 and other agencies, to establish cooperative study units to conduct  
14 multi-disciplinary research and develop integrated information  
15 products on the resources in the NALPA Parks or the LGU of which  
16 the NALPA Park is located for possible commercial production or  
17 utilization.

18 *Sec. 21. Delineation of Authority and Coverage.* - Subject to the IRR  
19 and dependent on the categorization of the land or an area, a nature  
20 reserve or a declared protected area under the NIPAS shall continue  
21 to be under the jurisdiction of the DENR. All other parks established or  
22 may be established may be covered under this Act.

23 *Sec. 22. Administration, Management, and Funding of NALPA Parks.* -  
24 Subject to reasonable restrictions under the IRR, the general public is  
25 hereby to be granted free admission to all NALPA Parks. However, the  
26 Authority may levy appropriate fees for special activities or programs.

27 *Sec. 23. Retention of Income.* - The Authority is hereby authorized to  
28 retain the entirety of its income from all sources of its operations  
29 nationwide and to spend the same for any purpose.

30 *Sec. 24. The NALPA Fund.* -The NALPA Fund is hereby established,  
31 to be managed/ administered by the Authority, the income from which

1 shall be utilized exclusively in awarding grants and providing assistance  
2 to park development programs, local government units for upgrading  
3 their capabilities, and to develop and implement training and training-  
4 related activities for park development. The contribution to the fund shall  
5 be the following:

- 6 a) a one-time lump sum appropriation from the national  
7 government in the amount of P100,000,000.00;
- 8 b) donations, grants, endowments, and other bequests or gifts of  
9 which the Authority is hereby authorized to accept, and
- 10 c) any other income generated by the Authority.

11 The Authority shall be the administrator of the fund, and as  
12 such, shall formulate the necessary implementing guidelines for the  
13 management of the fund, subject to the following: a) unless otherwise  
14 stipulated by the private donor, only earnings of private contributions  
15 shall be used; and b) no part of the seed capital of the fund, including  
16 earnings, thereof, shall be used to underwrite expenses for  
17 administration.

18 The Board shall appoint a reputable government-accredited  
19 investment institution as a fund manager, subject to guidelines  
20 promulgated by the Board.

21 *Sec 25. Incentives Schemes.* - The Authority shall develop and  
22 administer appropriate incentives schemes to encourage the LGUs and  
23 private industries and institutions to participate in the development of the  
24 National Parks System.

25 *Sec. 26. Parks and Green Spaces Awards.* - To promote park  
26 development in the country and with the view of participating in  
27 international park development competitions, the Authority, with the  
28 active participation of private industries, shall organize and conduct an  
29 annual Parks and Green Spaces Awards. The Authority, through the  
30 Secretariat, shall promulgate the necessary rules and guidelines for the  
31 effective and efficient conduct of the Annual National Parks and Green

1 Spaces Competition among the LGUs and for the country's  
2 participation in international park development competitions.

3       *Sec 27. Exemption from Taxes, Duties, Fees, and Charges.* - The  
4 Authority shall be exempt from the payment of taxes, fees, and charges  
5 imposed by the National Government and its political subdivisions,  
6 agencies and instrumentalities regardless of the nature of its activity.

7       All donations in any form shall be exempt from the donor's tax  
8 and the same shall be considered as an allowable deduction from the  
9 gross income in the computation of the income tax of the donor, in  
10 accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 8424, otherwise known  
11 as the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

12       Furthermore, the importation of supplies and materials for the use of  
13 the Authority shall be exempt from customs duties.

14       *Sec 28. Commercial Operations of and inside of NALPA Parks.* - The  
15 Authority shall be authorized to undertake commercial operations, the  
16 proceeds of which shall be credited to the NALPA Fund:

- 17       a) The rental of dedicated areas for external events, functions, and  
18       similar activities;
- 19       b) The lease of dedicated areas for the erection and operation of  
20       commercial establishments inside NALPA Parks, which NALPA  
21       shall be allowed to award, through public bidding, and giving  
22       preference to nonprofit organizations of a nature related to or  
23       supportive of its mandate, for a term of up to five (5) years per  
24       contract;
- 25       c) The production and/or licensing of official merchandise;
- 26       d) The award of concession contracts is when the Authority shall  
27       utilize concession contracts to authorize a person, corporation,  
28       or other entity to provide accommodations, facilities, and services  
29       to visitors or users of NALPA Parks.

30       *Sec. 29. Contracted Services.* - The Authority is authorized to contract  
31 out services for Park Management and Safety and Security Services.



1 Chapter 5

2 Miscellaneous Provisions

3 Sec. 30. *NALPA Budget.* - The amount necessary to finance the initial  
4 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the existing  
5 appropriations of the NPDC and the NPF, and shall be supported by  
6 funds coming from the Office of the President. Thereafter, such funds as  
7 may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be  
8 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

9 Sec. 31. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within 180 days  
10 from the effectivity of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the  
11 Board the implementing rules and regulations of this Act upon prior  
12 consultation with all concerned groups and entities.

13 Sec. 32. *Transitory Provisions.* -

- 14 a) Within two (2) months after the approval of this Act, the  
15 President shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Tourism,  
16 appoint the private sector representatives of the Board.
- 17 b) Within three (3) months after the appointment of the private sector  
18 representatives, the President shall, upon the recommendation of  
19 the Board, appoint the Administrator.
- 20 c) Within four (4) months after the appointment of the  
21 Administrator, the Board shall convene to determine the  
22 organizational structure and staffing pattern of the Authority.
- 23 d) Within one (1) year after the organization of the Authority, the  
24 Board shall convene to determine the organizational structure  
25 and staffing pattern of the Authority.
- 26 e) Upon the effectivity of this Act, and prior to the appointment of  
27 the Board and the Administrator, the heads and personnel of both  
28 NPDC and the NPF shall continue to exercise their functions and  
29 duties, in a holdover capacity, and shall ensure the smooth  
30 transition to the Board and the Administrator.
- 31 f) All personnel of the NPDC and NPF are hereby deemed retired



1 from service. Retirement and separation benefits shall be paid  
2 under existing rules and regulations.

3 g) The Authority may at its discretion retain any personnel of NPDC  
4 and NPF it deems necessary to carry out its purpose and  
5 function.

6 h) The ownership and title to the properties now actually occupied  
7 by the NPF and NPDC are hereby transferred in fee simple to the  
8 Authority, subject to the following conditions:

9 a. The titles to the land conveyed by this Act shall not be  
10 transferred by the Authority to another person or entity  
11 without previous authorization by the President of the  
12 Philippines.

13 b. The Authority is hereby authorized to mortgage any  
14 properties referred to above for the purpose of carrying out  
15 its objectives and purposes only; and

16 c. In case the Authority is dissolved or ceases, for any reason,  
17 to undertake its objectives, or ceases to need any of the lands  
18 for any reason, said land shall *ipso facto* revert to the National  
19 Government without compensation.

20 Sec. 33. *Automatic Review.* - Every five (5) years, after the effectivity  
21 of this Act, an independent review panel composed of three (3) persons  
22 appointed by the President shall review the performance of the  
23 Authority and shall make recommendations, based on its findings to the  
24 President and to both Houses of Congress.

25 Sec. 34. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees or  
26 issuances, executive orders, letters of instruction, administrative  
27 orders, rules, or regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act  
28 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

29 Sec. 35. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared  
30 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected  
31 thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

1           Sec 36. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
2 the publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general  
3 circulation.

Approved,