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Explanatory Note

In an effort to preserve and develop one of the great landmarks of the Premier City of Manila, The Intramuros Administration was created by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 1616, which vested control and supervision of the Administration to the Ministry of Human Settlements. In 1987, however, due to the restructuring of government agencies, the Administration was transferred as an attached entity to then Ministry of Tourism, now Department of Tourism (DOT) by mandate of Executive Order No. 120.

The political environment has since taken a bold and decisive turn from the largely centralized framework of the national government. Key to development efforts at present is a strong call for the devolution of governments functions. In fact, following the wisdom of the Local Government Code of 1991, Local Government Units have been directed to endeavor to be self-reliant and to exercise the powers and discharge the duties and functions conferred upon them with relative autonomy.

It is in the same spirit that this bill seeks to once again grant direct control and supervision of the Intramuros Administration to the City of Manila which holds territorial jurisdiction over the same and designate the Mayor of the City of Manila as the Chairman of the Board of Administrators of the Administration for this purpose.

As Chief Executive of the City of Manila, the Mayor holds general supervision and control over all programs, projects, services and activities of the city government. Consequently, he likewise has the responsibility of executing the city development plan, to which the goals and purpose of the Intramuros Administration should correspond. Furthermore, since the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Administrators is synonymous to those granted to and exercised by the City Mayor, the designation of the Mayor of the City of Manila as Chairman of the Board shall help prevent unnecessary duplication of functions.

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


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AN ACT

GRANTING DIRECT CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE INTRAMUROS ADMINISTRATION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF MANILA AND DESIGNATING THE MAYOR OF MANILA AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN CREATING THE INTRAMUROS ADMINISTRATION.

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

Section 1. Section 1 and 2 of Presidential Decree Numbered Sixteen Hundred and Sixteen is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. *Creation of the Intramuros Administration.* There is hereby created an [agency] **OFFICE** to be known as the Intramuros Administration, under the direct control and supervision of the [Ministry of Human Settlements] **LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF MANILA**. The Administration shall be responsible for the orderly restoration and development of Intramuros as a monument to the Hispanic period of Philippine history. As such, it shall ensure that the general appearance of Intramuros shall conform to Philippine-Spanish architecture of the Sixteenth to the Nineteenth Century."

Sec. 2. *Organization of the Administration.* The Administration shall be directed by the Board of Administrators, Consisting of the [Minister of Human Settlements] **MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANILA**, as chairman, and as Members, [the Mayor of the City of Manila,] the Executive Director of the National Historical Institute **AND the Administrator WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANILA** [and such other persons as the President may designate. Its Executive Officer shall be an Administrator, who shall have the same qualifications, privileges and rank of a Deputy Minister]. **THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL OVERSEE THE SPECIFIC OPERATIONS AND UNDERTAKINGS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD.** The Administration shall be organized and staffed in accordance with the applicable budget and compensation laws: *Provided, That it shall be*

authorized to engage the services of architectural, historical, tourism, and other consultants necessary for its work: *Provided Further*, That the [President may designate heads of ministries of the National Government to] **SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM SHALL** serve on the Board in an *ex-officio* capacity. *Provided, Finally*, That the Members of the Board shall receive per diems for each Board Meeting actually attended by them, at rates and subject to such maximum monthly amount as may be approved under P.D. 985."

Sec. 2. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,