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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **3168**



Introduced by Honorable Abraham "Bambol" N. Tolentino

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the People's Park in the Sky in Tagaytay City, Province of Cavite as a tourist spot.

The People's Park in the Sky was formerly called the Palace in the Sky. A blending of natural and man-made attractions, it is situated on the highest point of Tagaytay City. It provides a 360-degree view of the city and surrounding areas, and overlooks four bodies of water — Taal Lake, Balayan Bay, Laguna de Bay, and Manila Bay. A mansion, which was intended as a vacation house of the family of the late President Ferdinand E. Marcos, was originally constructed in the area but was never finished. It was later opened to the public after the People Power Revolution in 1986.

To date, the People's Park in the Sky is one of the most sought-after tourist destinations in the City of Tagaytay because of its cooler climate and magnificent views, especially, of the Taal Volcano. It has a chapel, view deck, picnic area, and souvenir shops. In spite of the efforts of the local government to preserve the area, it is in dire need of further development, improvement, and rehabilitation.

Declaring the People's Park in the Sky as a tourist spot will encourage more tourists to visit the area. Also, priority development of the area will be accorded by the Department of Tourism.

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

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AN ACT
DECLARING THE PEOPLE'S PARK IN THE SKY IN TAGAYTAY
CITY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE AS A TOURIST SPOT AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The People's Park in the Sky in Tagaytay City, Province of Cavite is hereby declared as a tourist spot, and shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism.

SEC. 2. Within one year from the approval of this Act, the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority shall, in consultation with the Department of Public Works and Highways and the Department of Transportation and Communications, prepare a tourism development plan for the People's Park in the Sky which shall be submitted to the Department of Tourism for approval. The development plan shall provide for the construction, installation and maintenance of appropriate facilities and infrastructure and shall encourage tourism in the area.

SEC. 3. The Department of Tourism shall take immediate steps to expedite the implementation of the development plan for the People's Park in the Sky and shall incorporate the same in the Department's overall tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary for the development of the People's Park in the Sky as a tourist spot shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Tourism under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,