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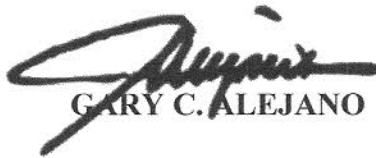
Capital relocation has been a notable act among countries in order to encourage development in a seemingly underdeveloped region. A premier example of this is Brasilia which experienced rapid growth after its establishment as Brazil's capital. Brazil's capital change from Rio de Janeiro to Brasilia in 1961 was considered very successful, and many countries have been inspired by Brazil's capital relocation achievement.

Since 1976, the City of Manila has been the national capital of the Philippines. It is also considered as the seat of the national government of the Philippines yet, many government agencies still sit outside the said city. Unfortunately, decades henceforth, population congestion along with the faulty drainage system still make Manila City a place with only little space left for development.

To better administer government transactions as well as spur development in other areas of the country, it is high time to review whether Manila should be retained as the capital and the seat of our national government.

It is therefore imperative for Congress to create a National Capital Commission to comprehensively study the potential of relocating and transferring of the national capital and permanent seat of the national government of the country from the City of Manila.

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


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AN ACT
CONSTITUTING A NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION FOR CAPITAL
RELOCATION

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Organization.***- The National Capital Commission, hereinafter referred to
2 as the “Commission” is hereby constituted in order to study possibility and feasibility of capital
3 relocation and transfer of the permanent seat of the government of the Philippines.

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5 **SEC. 2. *Composition.***- The Commission shall be composed of three (3) Commissioners
6 appointed by the President of the Republic.

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8 **SEC. 3. *Mandate.*** It shall be the mandate of the Commission to study and recommend
9 thenceforth the transfer or non-transfer of the capital and permanent seat of the government of
10 the Philippines.

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12 **SEC. 4. *Secretariat and Technical Committee.***- The Commission shall organize its
13 Secretariat which shall provide administrative and technical support to the Commission. The
14 Commission and its Secretariat shall hold office in such venue as the Commission may deem
15 appropriate.

1 The Commission is hereby authorized to create technical committees and designate
2 members thereof, and may engage the assistance of experts and professional advisors, subject to
3 government rules and regulations.

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5 **SEC. 5. *Term of Office.***- The Commission shall complete its work not later than two (2)
6 years from the date of approval of this Act, and shall submit to the President of the Philippines a
7 report of the work undertaken by it together with its corresponding recommendations.

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9 In case of a recommendation not to transfer the capital and seat of government of the
10 Republic, the Commission shall also submit its recommendations on how to improve the
11 existing state of affairs in the City of Manila with the end in view of promoting more effective
12 and efficient government service and enable the City of Manila to meet the challenge of serving
13 as national capital and seat of government in the decades to come.

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15 **SEC. 6. *Termination.*** – Upon completion of its work and the submission of its report not
16 later than two (2) years from the date of the approval of this Act, the Commission shall cease to
17 exist and the services of the Commissioners and members of the Secretariat and Technical
18 Committee shall terminate.

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20 **SEC. 7. *Appropriation.***- The Commission shall be funded with an initial allocation of
21 One Hundred Million Pesos (P100,000,000.00) from the General Appropriations Act.

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23 **SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.*** All previous issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this
24 order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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26 **SEC. 9. *Effectivity.*** This order shall take effect upon its publication in the Official
27 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,