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House Bill No. **4375**



Introduced by HON. DELPHINE GAN LEE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the amendment of Republic Act No.9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act. RA No. 9147 provides the guidelines for the conservation of wildlife. This act is meant to serve as protection for the diverse wildlife species in the Philippines. However, the continuous poaching and illegal killing of wild animals, the overall aggressive exploitation of the flora and fauna here in the Philippines continues to go unchecked even today. The amendments that we seek here are meant to enforce further the fact that we will not tolerate any illegal acts against the wildlife here in our country that sees itself diminishing further and further by the day.

The accusation that the Philippines is a transition point in the international illegal ivory trade as documented in National Geographic is rather telling. An example would be when a boat hiding dozens of endangered scaly anteaters or pangolins was found parked in Palawan in 2013, officials found that most of the animals came from other parts of Southeast Asia, not from the Philippines. The arrested Chinese fishermen manning the boat had been going around the region, collecting pangolins at key points. Palawan was simply another collection point where local pangolins endemic to this country would be added to the boat's cargo. To this day, smugglers and syndicates bypass our laws and our country with utmost impunity. It is clear that a response is required; an increase to the deterrent aspect of this Act serves as a step in the right direction, because violators are not only targeting individual wildlife but whole populations illegally collected and hunted from the wild.

Our country is considered a Megadiverse country. We are identified as one in a group of only seventeen (17) countries in the whole world to be considered as such. A Megadiverse country is defined to harbor the majority of Earth's species and a high number of endemic species. If we do not act now the list of extinct animals will only grow.

The urgent passing of this bill is thus earnestly sought.


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1 **AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9147,**
2 **OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION ACT",**
3 **INCREASING THEIR PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**
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5 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippine in*
6 *Congress assembled:*
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8 **SECTION 1.** Section 27 of Republic Act No. 9147 is hereby amended as follows:

9 **Section 27. Illegal Acts.** - Unless otherwise allowed in accordance with this Act, it
10 shall be unlawful for any person to willfully and knowingly exploit wildlife resources and their
11 habitats, or undertake the following acts;

12 ANY PERSON WHO SHALL INDUCE ANOTHER OR CONSPIRE TO COMMIT ANY OF
13 THE FOLLOWING ILLEGAL ACTS OR SUFFER THEIR WORKERS TO COMMIT ANY OF
14 THE SAME, SHALL BE LIABLE IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ONE ACTUALLY
15 PERFORMING THE ACT.

16 (a) killing and destroying wildlife species, INCLUDING CAUSING DEATH AS A RESULT OF
17 ANY VIOLATION OF THIS ACT except in the following instances;

18 (i) when it is done as part of the religious rituals of established tribal groups or
19 indigenous cultural communities;

20 (ii) when the wildlife is afflicted with an incurable communicable disease;

21 (iii) when it is deemed necessary to put an end to the misery suffered by the wildlife;

22 (iv) when it is done to prevent an imminent danger to the life or limb of a human
23 being; and

24 (v) when the wildlife is killed or destroyed after it has been used in authorized
25 research or experiments.

26 WHOEVER POSSESSES DEAD WILDLIFE IS PRIMA FACIE PRESUMED TO HAVE
27 KILLED, DESTROYED, OR CAUSED THE DEATH OF THE SAME;

- (b) inflicting injury which cripples and/or impairs the reproductive system of wildlife species;
- (c) effecting any of the following acts in critical habitat(s)
- (i) dumping of waste products detrimental to wildlife;
 - (ii) squatting or otherwise occupying any portion of the critical habitat, INCLUDING SELLING, BUYING, OR LEASING, AND THE OFFER TO DO SO, OF ANY PORTION OF THE CRITICAL HABITAT, AND THE CONDUCT OF LAND SURVEYS AND ISSUANCE OF TITLES PURSUANT THERTO;
 - (iii) mineral exploration and/or extraction;
 - (iv) burning, INCLUDING THE ENGAGEMENT IN KAINGIN, OR CAUSING FOREST OR BRUSH FIRES;
 - (v) logging; and
 - (vi) quarrying
 - (vii) HUNTING;
 - (viii) TREASURE-HUNTING AND PROSPECTING;
 - (ix) ESTABLISHING OR INTRODUCING ANY EXOTIC SPECIES WHICH ARE DETRIMENTAL TO ENDEMIC SPECIES AND THE ECOSYSTEM THEREIN; AND
 - (x) ANY OTHER ACT OR OMISSION RESULTING TO THE DISTURBANCE, DAMAGE, OR DEGRADATION OF THE CRITICAL HABITAT, AND/OR INJURY TO ANY SPECIES OR TO THE ECOSYSTEM THEREIN;
- (d) introduction, reintroduction or restocking of wildlife resources;
- (e) trading of wildlife, WILDLIFE BODY PARTS, BY-PRODUCTS, AND DERIVATIVES, INCLUDING ADVERTISING OR CONTRACTING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SALE OR PROCUREMENT OF WILDLIFE;
- (f) collecting, hunting or possessing LIVE wildlife, INCLUDING POSSESSION OF WILDLIFE BODY PARTS, by-products and derivatives;
- (g) gathering or destroying of active nests, nest trees, host plants and the like;
- (h) maltreating and/or inflicting other injuries not covered by the preceding paragraph; and
- (i) transporting of wildlife, INCLUDING TRANSSHIPMENT, WHICH IS DEFINED AS THE ACT OF SHIPPING WILDLIFE, WILDLIFE BODY PARTS, BY-PRODUCTS, AND DERIVATIVES, WHETHER OR NOT IN SHIPPING CONTAINERS, TO AN INTERMEDIATE DESTINATION, AND TO YET ANOTHER DESTINATION.
- PROSECUTION FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ACT SHALL BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE PROSECUTION OF THE OFFENDER FOR VIOLATION OF OTHER LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS.

1 **SECTION 2.** Section 28 of Republic Act No. 9147 is hereby amended as follows:

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3 **Section 28. Penalties for Violations of this Act.** For any person who undertakes
4 illegal acts under paragraph (a) of the immediately preceding section to any species as may
5 be categorized pursuant to this Act, the following penalties and/or fines shall be imposed;

6 (a) imprisonment of a minimum of six (6) years and one (1) day to twelve (12) years and/or a
7 fine of **ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) to TEN MILLION PESOS (P10,000,000.00)**,
8 if inflicted or undertaken against species listed as critical, **IF INFLICTED OR UNDERTAKEN**
9 **AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL PENALTY IN THE**
10 **IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

11 (b) imprisonment of **FIVE (5) YEARS AND ONE (1) DAY** to six (6) years and/or a fine of
12 **ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) to TEN MILLION PESOS (P10,000,000.00)** if
13 inflicted or undertaken against endangered species, **IF INFLICTED OR UNDERTAKEN**
14 **AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL PENALTY IN THE**
15 **IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

16 (c) imprisonment of **THREE (3) YEARS** and one (1) day to **FIVE (5) YEARS** and/or a fine of
17 **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) to FIVE MILLION PESOS**
18 **(P5,000,000.00)**, if inflicted or undertaken against vulnerable species, **IF INFLICTED OR**
19 **UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL**
20 **PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

21 (d) imprisonment of **TWO (2) YEARS** and one (1) day to **FOUR (4) YEARS** and/or a fine of
22 **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) to FIVE MILLION PESOS**
23 **(P5,000,000.00)** if inflicted or undertaken against other threatened species, **IF INFLICTED**
24 **OR UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE**
25 **INITIAL PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE**
26 **IMPOSED;**

27 (e) imprisonment of **ONE (1) YEAR** and one (1) day to **TWO (2) YEARS** and/or a fine of
28 **THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P300,000.00) to THREE MILLION PESOS**
29 **(P3,000,000.00)**, if inflicted or undertaken against other wildlife species, **IF INFLICTED OR**
30 **UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL**
31 **PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

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33 For illegal acts under paragraph (b) of the immediately preceding section, the following
34 penalties and/or fines shall be imposed;

35 (a) imprisonment of minimum of **SIX (6) YEARS** and one (1) day to **TWELVE (12) years**
36 and/or a fine of **ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) to TEN MILLION PESOS**
37 **(P10,000,000.00)**, if inflicted or undertaken against species listed as critical, **IF INFLICTED**
38 **OR UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE**
39 **INITIAL PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE**
40 **IMPOSED;**

41 (b) imprisonment of **FOUR (4) YEARS** and one (1) day to **SIX (6) YEARS** and/or a fine of
42 **ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) to TEN MILLION PESOS (P10,000,000.00)**, if
43 inflicted or undertaken against endangered species, **IF INFLICTED OR UNDERTAKEN**

1 **AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL PENALTY IN THE**
2 **IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

3 (c) imprisonment of **TWO (2) YEARS** and one (1) day to **FOUR (4) YEARS** and/or a fine of
4 **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) to FIVE MILLION PESOS**
5 **(P5,000,000.00), if inflicted or undertaken against vulnerable species, IF INFLICTED OR**
6 **UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL**
7 **PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

8 (d) imprisonment of **ONE (1) YEAR** and one (1) day to **TWO (2) YEARS** and/or fine of **FIVE**
9 **HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) to FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00),**
10 **if inflicted or undertaken against other threatened species, IF INFLICTED OR**
11 **UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL**
12 **PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

13 (e) imprisonment of **SIX (6) MONTHS AND ONE (1) DAY** to **ONE (1) YEAR** and/or a fine of
14 **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) to FIVE MILLION PESOS**
15 **(P5,000,000.00), if inflicted or undertaken against other wildlife species, IF INFLICTED OR**
16 **UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL**
17 **PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

18 For illegal acts under paragraphs (c) and (d) of the immediately preceding section, an
19 imprisonment of **SIX (6) MONTHS** to **TWELVE (12) YEARS** and/or a fine of **FIVE**
20 **HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) to FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00)**
21 **shall be imposed, IN ADDITION, PAYMENT OF A FINE EQUIVALENT TO THE COST OF**
22 **THE AREA OR THING DAMAGED, INJURED, OR DEGRADED, AS DETERMINED**
23 **AFTER EVALUATION BY EXPERTS FROM THE DENR USING CURRENT VALUATION**
24 **STANDARDS AND COST OF RESTORATION SHALL LIKEWISE BE PAID. THE**
25 **OFFENDER SHALL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RESTORATION,**
26 **REHABILITATION, OR COMPENSATION FOR THE RESTORATION OR**
27 **REHABILITATION OF THE AREA AS NECESSARY;**

28 For illegal acts under paragraph (e), the following penalties and/or fines shall be imposed:

29 (a) imprisonment of **SIX (6) YEARS** and one (1) day to **TWELVE (12) YEARS** and/or a fine
30 of **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) to FIVE MILLION PESOS**
31 **(P5,000,000.00), if inflicted or undertaken against species listed as critical, IF INFLICTED**
32 **OR UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE**
33 **INITIAL PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE**
34 **IMPOSED;**

35 (b) imprisonment of **FIVE (5) YEARS** and one (1) day to **SIX (6) years** and/or a fine of **FIVE**
36 **HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) to FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00),**
37 **if inflicted or undertaken against endangered species, IF INFLICTED OR UNDERTAKEN**
38 **AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL PENALTY IN THE**
39 **IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

40 (c) imprisonment of **FOUR (4) YEARS** and one (1) day to **SIX (6) YEARS** and/or a fine of
41 **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) to FIVE MILLION PESOS**
42 **(P5,000,000.00), if inflicted or undertaken against vulnerable species, IF INFLICTED OR**
43 **UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL**
44 **PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

(d) imprisonment of **TWO (2) YEARS AND ONE (1) DAY** to **FOUR (4) YEARS** and/or a fine of **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00)** to **FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00)**, if inflicted or undertaken against species listed as threatened species, **IF INFLICTED OR UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

(e) imprisonment of **ONE (1) YEAR AND ONE (1) DAY** to **TWO (2) YEARS** and/or a fine of **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00)** to **FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00)**, if inflicted or undertaken against other wildlife species, **IF INFLICTED OR UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

For illegal acts under paragraphs (f) and (g) of the immediately preceding section, the following penalties and/or fines shall be imposed:

(a) imprisonment of **SIX (6) YEARS** and one (1) day to **TWELVE (12) YEARS** and a fine of **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00)** to **FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00)**, if inflicted or undertaken against species listed as critical, **IF INFLICTED OR UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

(b) imprisonment of **FOUR (4) YEARS** and one (1) day to **SIX (6) YEARS** and a fine of **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00)** to **FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00)**, if inflicted or undertaken against endangered species, **IF INFLICTED OR UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

(c) imprisonment of **TWO (2) YEARS** and one (1) day to **FOUR (4) YEARS** and a fine of **THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P300,000.00)** to **THREE MILLION PESOS (P3,000,000.00)**, if inflicted or undertaken against vulnerable species, **IF INFLICTED OR UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

(d) imprisonment of **ONE (1) YEAR** and one (1) day to **TWO (2) YEARS** and a fine of **THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P300,000.00)** to **THREE MILLION PESOS (P3,000,000.00)**, if inflicted or undertaken against species as other threatened species, **IF INFLICTED OR UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

(e) imprisonment of **SIX (6) MONTHS** to **ONE (1) YEAR** and a fine of **THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P300,000.00)** to **THREE MILLION PESOS (P3,000,000.00)**, if inflicted or undertaken against other wildlife species, **IF INFLICTED OR UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED: *Provided*, That in case of paragraph (f), where the acts were perpetuated through the means of inappropriate techniques and devices, the maximum penalty herein provided shall be imposed.**

For illegal acts under paragraph (h) and (i) of the immediately preceding section, the following penalties and/or fines shall be imposed:

1 (a) imprisonment of **SIX (6) YEARS** and one (1) day to **TWELVE (12) YEARS** and a fine of
2 **ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) to TEN MILLION PESOS (P10,000,000.00)** if
3 inflicted or undertaken against species listed as critical species, **IF INFLICTED OR**
4 **UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL**
5 **PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

6 (b) imprisonment of **FOUR (4) YEARS** and one (1) day to **SIX (6) YEARS** and a fine of **ONE**
7 **MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) to TEN MILLION PESOS (P10,000,000.00)**, if inflicted or
8 undertaken against endangered species, **IF INFLICTED OR UNDERTAKEN AGAINST**
9 **MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL PENALTY IN THE**
10 **IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

11 (c) imprisonment of **TWO (2) YEARS** and one (1) day to **FOUR (4) YEARS** and a fine of
12 **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) to FIVE MILLION PESOS**
13 **(P5,000,000.00)**, if inflicted or undertaken against vulnerable species, **IF INFLICTED OR**
14 **UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL**
15 **PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

16 (d) imprisonment of **ONE (1) YEAR** to **TWO (2) YEARS** and a fine of **FIVE HUNDRED**
17 **THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00) to FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00)**, if inflicted
18 or undertaken against species listed as other threatened species, **IF INFLICTED OR**
19 **UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL**
20 **PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

21 (e) imprisonment of **SIX (6) MONTHS AND ONE (1) DAY** to **ONE (1) YEAR** and a fine of
22 **THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P300,000.00) to THREE MILLION PESOS**
23 **(P3,000,000.00)**, if inflicted or undertaken against other wildlife species, **IF INFLICTED OR**
24 **UNDERTAKEN AGAINST MORE THAN ONE HEAD OF SUCH SPECIES, THE INITIAL**
25 **PENALTY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE IMPOSED;**

26 **SEC. 28-A. COMMON PENAL PROVISIONS. – IN ADDITION TO THE PENALTIES**
27 **PRESCRIBED FOR THE PROHIBITED ACTS IN THE PREVIOUS SECTION, THE**
28 **FOLLOWING ARE LIKEWISE IMPOSED FOR ANY VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT:**

29 (a) **PAYMENT OF A FINE EQUIVALENT TO THE COST OF THE REMOVAL OF**
30 **THE WILDLIFE SPECIES INVOLVED FROM ITS NATURAL HABITAT, AS**
31 **DETERMINED AFTER ASSESSMENT BY EXPERTS FROM THE DENR**
32 **TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION NUMBER OF SUCH SPECIES IN THE WILD,**
33 **BIOLOGICAL IMPACT, ECOLOGICAL BALANCE, AND OTHER CRITERIA,**
34 **USING CURRENT VALUATION STANDARDS;**

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36 (b) **FORFEITURE IN FAVOR OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ALL WILDLIFE, ITS**
37 **BODY PARTS, DERIVATIVES, OR BY-PRODUCTS, AND ALL**
38 **PARAPHERNALIA, TOOLS, CONVEYANCES, VEHICLES, VESSELS, AND**
39 **OTHER EQUIPMENT USED IN CONNECTION WITH VIOLATIONS OF THIS**
40 **ACT, SUCH FORFEITED OBJECTS SHALL ACCRUE TO THE USE OF THE**
41 **DENR IN THE PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE WHERE APPLICABLE.**

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(c) CANCELLATION OF ALL WILDLIFE PERMITS/CERTIFICATIONS/CLEARANCES, AND PERMANENTLY DENYING THE OFFENDER THE GRANT OF ANY SUCH PERMIT/CERTIFICATION/CLEARANCE;

(d) IF THE OFFENDER IS AN ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION, PAYMENT OF FINES SHALL BE IN AN AMOUNT TWICE THAT AS PRESCRIBED BY THIS ACT, AND THE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS SHALL SUFFER THE IMPRISONMENT;

(e) IF THE OFFENDER IS A FOREIGN NATIONAL, THEY SHALL BE DEPORTED AFTER SERVICE OF SENTENCE AND PAYMENT OF FINES WHICH SHALL BE IN AN AMOUNT THRICE THAT AS PRESCRIBED IN THIS ACT. A HOLD DEPARTURE ORDER SHALL BE ISSUED AS A CONDITION FOR THE GRANT OF BAIL TO ANY FOREIGN OFFENDER, AND ALL PASSPORTS AND DOCUMENTS WHICH MAY BE USED BY THE ACCUSED TO FLEE THE COUNTRY MUST BE SURRENDERED TO THE COURT; AND

(f) IF THE OFFENDER IS A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE, THE PENALTY OF PERPETUAL DISQUALIFICATION FROM PUBLIC OFFICE SHALL BE IMPOSED.

THE FINES HEREIN PRESCRIBED SHALL BE INCREASED BY AT LEAST TEN PERCENT (10%) EVERY THREE (3) YEARS TO COMPENSATE FOR INFLATION AND TO MAINTAIN THE DETERRENT FUNCTION OF SUCH FINES.

THE APPREHENDING AGENCY SHALL IMMEDIATELY CAUSE THE TRANSFER OF ALL WILDLIFE THAT HAVE BEEN SEIZED OR RECOVERED TO THE NEAREST WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTER OF THE DENR IN THE AREA.

IN CASE OF EXOTIC SPECIE ARE INVOLVED, THE DENR SHALL DETERMINE THEIR LOCAL EQUIVALENT LISTING FOR PURPOSES OF THE PROSECUTION OF THIS ACT.

Section 2. Separability Clause. - Should any provision of this Act be subsequently declared as unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity or the legality of the other provisions.

Section 3. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 4. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,