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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Las Piñas Bamboo Organ, located in St. Joseph Parish Church in Las Piñas City, is a unique and historic musical instrument. Built in 1824 by Fray Diego Cera Dela Virgen Del Carmel, the Las Piñas Bamboo Organ is a testament to ingenuity and craftsmanship — being the only organ in the world whose pipes are made almost entirely of bamboo, as 902 of its 1,031 pipes are made out of bamboo while the rest are metal.

Recognized as a Philippine National Treasure by the National Museum of the Philippines, the Bamboo Organ is not only a significant part of the country's heritage but also an internationally renowned artistic and historical landmark. It attracts tourists and music enthusiasts from all over the world, particularly during the annual International Bamboo Organ Festival.

It is imperative that this iconic cultural treasure be further protected and promoted to ensure its long-term preservation and enhance its status as a premier tourist destination.

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

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AN ACT DECLARING THE LAS PIÑAS BAMBOO ORGAN AS A NATIONAL MUSICAL HERITAGE TREASURE, FURTHER DECLARING IT A PREMIER TOURIST ATTRACTION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Title. — This Act shall be known as the “Las Piñas Bamboo Organ Act of 2025.”

SECTION 2. National Musical Heritage Treasure. — The Las Piñas Bamboo Organ, located within St. Joseph Parish Church in Las Piñas City, a unique and historic musical instrument recognized as a Philippine National Treasure, is hereby declared a "National Musical Heritage Treasure" and a premier tourist attraction.

SECTION 3. Tourism Development. — Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), the Local Government of Las Piñas City, the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority, and other concerned government agencies, shall prepare a tourism development plan. This plan will involve the promotion of the Las Piñas Bamboo Organ and its immediate environs as a tourist attraction, including the construction, installation, and maintenance of appropriate facilities and infrastructure to enhance tourism in the area, and the strategies and activities to be undertaken to ensure the protection and preservation of the organ.

SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT as lead agency, in coordination with the NCCA and the TIEZA shall prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for its proper implementation.

SECTION 5. Appropriations - The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against current and available appropriations of the DOT. Thereafter, the funding requirements for succeeding years shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act, subject to the usual budget preparation project.

SECTION 6. Effectivity Clause. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,