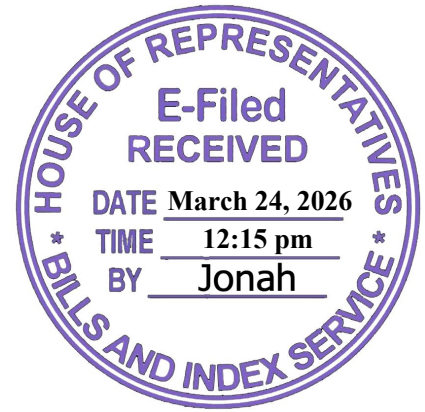


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HOUSE BILL NO. **8743**



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Introduced by **REP. NATHANIEL “Atty. Nat” M. ODUCAO**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The State upholds its duty to protect the health and well-being of the Filipino people by ensuring the establishment, preservation, and proper management of parks and open spaces. These areas are not merely places of leisure but vital public resources that maintain ecological balance, foster community identity, and contribute significantly to the overall quality of life.

However, current statistics reveal a critical gap in access to such spaces. Only 24.24% of the Philippines’ 42,046 barangays—approximately 10,191—had a public plaza or park as of the 2020 Census, with Metro Manila at a mere 20.2%. Iconic sites like Rizal Park, which spans 58 hectares, and the Nayong Pilipino site, covering 45.9 hectares, cannot alone meet the growing demand for recreation, green spaces, and tourism. Rizal Park, for instance, drew 5.7 million visitors in 2023, peaking at 121,000 visitors in a single day on January 1, 2024, underscoring the vital role of parks in urban life. Meanwhile, the World Health Organization recommends a minimum of 9 square meters of green space per capita, a standard far above current availability in Manila.

This proposed measure seeks to create the Philippine National Public Parks System through the National and Local Public Parks Authority (NALPA), dissolving the existing National Parks Development Committee (NPDC) and National Parks Foundation (NPF), while transferring their assets to the new authority. The bill focuses on public recreational parks and urban open spaces, distinct from the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS), which currently covers 244 sites totaling 7.76 million hectares or 15.4% of the country’s land area.

The institutionalization of this system will safeguard natural landscapes, cultural and historical treasures, and ensure their sustainable use for the benefit of present and future generations. Parks and open spaces will play an essential role in improving public health, strengthening social cohesion, promoting tourism, conserving biodiversity, enhancing air quality, capturing carbon, managing water resources, and mitigating the adverse effects of climate change through natural cooling functions.

The bill provides an initial allocation of ₱100 million to the NALPA Fund, supplemented by retained income from park fees and concessions, ensuring sustainable financing for operations and maintenance.

By enacting this measure, the State affirms that parks and open spaces are indispensable

to sustainable development and commits to granting equitable access to these shared national assets for all Filipinos.

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

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL PUBLIC PARKS  
SYSTEM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**Chapter I**

**Introductory Sections**

**SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “*Philippine National Public  
Parks System Act.*”

**SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect  
and maintain the health and well-being of the Filipino people through the establishment and  
preservation of parks and open spaces. To this end, the State recognizes parks and open spaces  
as valuable assets, and as such:

a) shall establish the Philippine National Public Parks System aimed to conserve  
the scenery, natural and historical objects, and to provide for their enjoyment  
in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the  
enjoyment of future generations.

b) shall recognize that parks and open spaces contribute to human health and well-  
being, social cohesion/identity, tourism, biodiversity, air quality, carbon  
sequestration, water management, and cooling of the environment.

**SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.*** -As used in this Act, the following words shall mean:

a) *Administrator* - refers to the Chief Executive Officer and Head of the  
National and Local Public Parks Authority (NALPA) Secretariat as  
defined in Sec. 9 of this Act.

b) *Board* - refers to the NALPA Board as defined in Sec. 5 of this Act.

c) *National and Local Public Parks* - refer to any land laid out as a public  
garden and/or used for public recreation. This does not refer to national

shrines administered by the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office.

d) *National and Local Public Parks System or the System* - refers to the system of parks and open spaces as defined under Chapter 4 of this Act.

e) *NIPAS*- refers to the National Integrated Protected Areas System as defined in Republic Act No. 7586, as amended or the NIPAS Act.

f) *NPDC*- refers to the National Parks Development Committee created by Executive Order 30, Series of 1963.

g) *NPF or NPFI* - refers to the Nayong Filipino Foundation Inc., a government-owned and controlled corporation registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 7, 1969, as a non-stock, non-profit corporation. Presidential Decree No.3724 established the Nayong Pilipino Foundation on November 6,1972.

h) *Protected Areas* - refers to the Protected Areas as defined under the NIPAS Act.

i) *Secretariat* - refers to the NALPA Secretariat as defined under Sec. 28 of this Act.

## Chapter II

### Establishment of the National and Local Public Parks Authority

**SEC. 4. *Composition of the Authority.*** - The Authority shall be composed of the Board and the Secretariat.

**SEC. 5. *Composition of the Board.*** - The NALPA Board shall be composed of the representatives of the following:

1. Secretary of Tourism as Chairperson;
2. Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources Co-Chairperson (who shall be officially represented by the Director of the Biodiversity Management Bureau);
3. Secretary of Public Works and Highways as Member;
4. Secretary of the Agriculture as Member;
5. Secretary of Interior and Local Government as Member;
6. Chairperson of the Commission of Higher Education as Member;
7. Director-General of the TESDA Secretariat

In addition, the President of the Philippines shall appoint the following members from the private sector:

1. Two representatives, from a recognized professional architectural organization; and
2. Two representatives, from the academe, preferably in urban planning and development.

As soon as all the members of the private sector are appointed, they shall organize themselves so the term of office of one-third (1/3) of their number shall expire every year. The member from the private sector appointed thereafter to fill vacancies caused by the

1 expiration of terms shall hold office for three (3) years.

2 The President of the Philippines may, however, revise the membership of the  
3 NALPA Board, whenever the President deems it necessary for the effective performance  
4 of the Board's functions through an administrative order.

5 The NALPA Board shall meet at least twice a year, or as frequently as may  
6 be deemed necessary by its Chairperson. In the absence of the Chairperson, a Co-Chairperson  
7 shall preside. The internal rules of the NALPA Board shall be promulgated during its first  
8 organizational meeting.

9 The benefits, privileges, and emoluments of the Board shall be consistent with  
10 the existing laws and rules.

11 **SEC. 6. Powers and Functions of the Board.** - The Authority shall primarily be  
12 responsible for the National and Local Public Parks System including the establishment of  
13 policies, plans, and programs taking into consideration the following:

14 a) the State policy declared herein of giving due consideration to the  
15 establishment and maintenance of national and urban parks, open and green  
16 spaces, and recreational facilities;

17 b) the implementation of the above-mentioned policy requires the  
18 coordination and cooperation of policies, plans, and programs of different  
19 concerned sectors of Philippine society; and

20 c) equal and active participation of the national government and its  
21 appropriate agencies, the LGUs, the academe, and the private sector shall be  
22 made the rule in order to ensure that the National and Local Public Parks  
23 System shall be fully established and maintained.

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25 The Board, shall have the following powers:

26 a) Establish minimum quotas for all LGUs for the designation of municipal  
27 and s city lands for public parks, where applicable;

28 b) manage the country's National and Local Public Parks System, and in doing  
29 so shall guide and assist other government agencies and entities, and the  
30 LGUs in the planning, establishment, and management of parks which will be  
31 included in the System;

32 c) promulgate, after due consultation with concerned groups and entities,  
33 policies, plans, programs, and guidelines as may be necessary for the effective  
34 implementation of this Act and the establishment of the National and Local  
35 Public Parks System;

36 d) establish and manage the National and Local Public Parks Institute, which  
37 shall serve as the national center for park administration, management, and  
38 maintenance training, research, and development;

39 e) in coordination with the Biodiversity Management Bureau, shall make  
40 Protected Areas accessible to the public for recreational purposes;

41 f) organize and constitute standing committees, subsidiary groups, or  
42 technical working groups for the efficient integration and coordination of  
43 local open spaces and urban parks;

44 g) exact reasonable fees and charges for such services provided and training  
45 conducted and retain such earnings for its own use, subject to guidelines  
46 promulgated by the Authority;

- 1 h) create, when deemed necessary, an Advisory Committee which shall  
2 provide expert and technical advice to the Board to be chosen from the  
3 academe and the private sector: Provided, That in case the Advisory  
4 Committee is created, the Board is hereby authorized to set aside a portion of  
5 its appropriation for its operation; and  
6 i) carry out any and all other functions characteristic of public institutions of  
7 similar mandate and national scope, in line with prevailing international  
8 principles and best practices.  
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10 **SEC.7. The NALPA Secretariat.** – The NALPA Secretariat, an independent agency of  
11 the executive department, shall have the primary mission of providing pro-active leadership in  
12 the continuous development of systematic approaches as well as measures to maintain and  
13 manage the National and Local Public Parks System, and shall have the following functions  
14 and responsibilities:

- 15 a) to establish and maintain a planning process and formulate a national parks  
16 development plan in which all concerned groups and entities at various levels  
17 participate;  
18 b) to provide analytical inputs to policy decision-making of the Authority on the  
19 allocation of resources and institutional roles and responsibilities as shall be  
20 embodied in the annual national park plans;  
21 c) to recommend measures, and implement the same upon approval by the Authority,  
22 for the effective and efficient implementation of the national parks development  
23 plan;  
24 d) to propose to the Authority the specific allocation of resources for the programs and  
25 projects it shall undertake pursuant to the approved national parks development  
26 plan;  
27 e) to submit to the Authority periodic reports on the progress and accomplishment of  
28 work programs of implementation of plans and policies; and  
29 f) to perform such other functions and duties as may be assigned by the Board.  
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31 **SEC.8. The Dissolution of NPDC and NPF and Transfer to NALPA Secretariat.** –  
32 The NPDC and NPF are hereby dissolved and all their powers, functions, responsibilities, all  
33 applicable funds and appropriations, records, assets, and properties are hereby transferred to  
34 the NALPA Secretariat.

35 **SEC.9. The NALPA Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.** – The NALPA  
36 Secretariat shall be headed by an Administrator, who shall likewise be a member of the Board.  
37 The Administrator shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines and shall enjoy the  
38 benefits, privileges and emoluments equivalent to the rank of Undersecretary.  
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40 As Chief Executive Office of the Secretariat, the Administrator shall exercise general  
41 supervision and control over its technical and administrative personnel. The administrator shall  
42 have the power to recommend to the Authority the structural organization and the personnel  
43 complement of the Secretariat. Furthermore, the Administrator shall appoint such personnel  
44 necessary to carry out the objectives, policies, and functions of the Authority subject to Civil  
45 Service laws, rules, and regulations.  
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1 The Administrator may call upon other instrumentalities or entities of the government, non-  
2 government, and civic organizations for assistance in terms of the use of their facilities and  
3 resources for the management and administration of any park in the System. This authority  
4 includes the power to call on the Philippine National Police to maintain peace and order in any  
5 park in the System.

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7 The performance of the functions of the Administrator under this Act shall, in no case, result  
8 in the diminution of the powers of the LGUs to establish their own parks or develop their own  
9 open or green spaces.

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11 **SEC.10. Deputy Administrators.** – The Administrator shall be assisted by four (4)  
12 Deputy Administrators for (i) Research and Development, (ii) National and Local Public Parks  
13 Operations, (iii) Local Public Parks Operations, and (iv) Park Architecture & Planning.

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15 The Deputy Administrators shall enjoy the benefits, privileges, and emoluments  
16 equivalent to the rank of Assistant Secretary.

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18 **SEC.11. Regional Administrators.** - The Regional Administrators shall be under the  
19 direct control of the Administrator and shall oversee the operations of National and Local  
20 Public Parks at the regional level. The Regional Administrators shall enjoy the benefits,  
21 privileges, and emoluments equivalent to the rank of a Regional Director, and shall provide  
22 technical assistance, particularly to local government units for effective supervision,  
23 coordination, and monitoring of national and local parks within their localities, and their  
24 integration to the National Public Park System.

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26 **SEC.12. Organizational Divisions.** - The Secretariat shall have the following  
27 Divisions which shall be headed by Division Chiefs:

- 28 a) Administrative Division;  
29 b) Finance Division;  
30 c) Programs and Public Affairs Division;  
31 d) Internal Audit Division;  
32 e) Security and Safety Division;  
33 f) Information and Communications Technology Division; and  
34 g) Cultural & Heritage Preservation Division

35 The following Divisions shall be headed by the Deputies Administrators;

- 36 a) National Public Park Operations & Management;  
37 b) Local Public Park Operations & Management;  
38 c) Research &. Development; and  
39 d) Park Architecture & Planning

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41 **SEC.13. Personnel Training, Development and Performance incentives.** - The  
42 Authority shall undertake training and development programs to upgrade the capabilities of its  
43 personnel in its various functions. Personnel shall be allowed to train or study outside the  
44 Institute, in the Philippines, or abroad, on official time, subject to the needs of the service, upon

1 approval of the Administrator.

2 A system of monetary incentives shall be established to reward the superior  
3 performance and milestones of professional development on the part of management and  
4 administrative and technical personnel, subject to the approval of the Department of Budget  
5 and Management and, where applicable, to the Civil Service Commission.

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7 **SEC. 14. *Consultants and Technical Assistance, Publication, and Research.***- In  
8 pursuing its objectives, the Authority is hereby authorized to set aside a portion of its  
9 appropriation for the hiring of services of qualified consultants, and private organizations for  
10 research work and publication in the field of national and urban parks, and open and green  
11 spaces. It shall avail itself of the services of other agencies of the Government as may be  
12 required.

13 **SEC.15. *Privileges of the Authority.*** - In line with the declared policy and the avowed  
14 purposes of this Act, and to ensure its independence and autonomy, the NALPA Secretariat  
15 shall be attached solely for budgetary coordination and related purposes to the Office of the  
16 President.

17 The Secretariat shall:

- 18 a) be classified as a National Government Agency, primarily for  
19 administrative purposes, including receiving its annual budget from the  
20 general appropriations of the National Government to cover appropriately  
21 the entirety of its mandated operations and activities;
- 22 b) be considered as higher in level than a Bureau or Bureau-level agency but  
23 beneath that of a Department or Department-level agency, primarily for  
24 administrative purposes as to staffing pattern and compensation scales; a
- 25 c) enjoy such privileges and special rules characteristic of both a  
26 Government-Owned or Controlled Corporation and a State University or  
27 College wherever possible and which, in any and all cases, promote the  
28 objectives of this Act; and that special rules as may be necessary to this  
29 effect be formulated and appropriately promulgated by the NALPA, the  
30 Department of Budget and Management, the Commission on Audit, and  
31 other concerned agencies.

### 32 33 **Chapter III**

#### 34 **The National Parks Institute**

35 **SEC.16. *The Creation of the National Parks Institute.***- Thereby created the National  
36 Parks Institute of the Philippines which shall be under the supervision of the Board. The  
37 Institute shall serve as the training and development arm of the Authority. The Institute shall  
38 be headed by a Director.

39 In coordination with CHED and state universities and colleges, and other  
40 private universities and institutions, the Institute shall establish a unique training course aimed  
41 at supporting the purposes of this Act, and shall:

42 a) Formulate and implement training programs for all personnel of NALPA  
43 and of LGUs, other agencies, and private entities and institutions who wish to train with  
44 the Institute;

45 b) Formulate and implement select mandatory and specialized courses, and  
46 for that purpose shall be allowed to issue diplomas and technical certificates under such

1 rules as will be coordinated with CHED and TESDA;

2 c) Develop and implement research and development to support NALPA and  
3 for educational training programs; and

4 d) Perform such other related functions as may be prescribed by NALPA and  
5 the Board.

## 7 Chapter IV

### 8 The National Parks System

9 **SEC.17. Study and Planning of National Parks, Urban Parks, Open Spaces, and**  
10 **Recreational-Area Facilities.** - Within three (3) years from the effectivity of this Act, the  
11 Authority shall make a comprehensive study of the National Parks, Urban Parks, Open Spaces,  
12 and Recreational-Area Facilities programs of the national government and the LGUs and of  
13 areas of land throughout the Philippines that are or may be chiefly valuable as National Parks,  
14 Urban Parks, Open Spaces, and Recreational-Area Facilities.

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16 The report shall be submitted to the Board who shall be empowered to  
17 declare specifically identified areas as either National Parks, Urban Parks, Open  
18 Spaces, or Recreational-Area Facilities.

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20 **SEC.18. Identification of National Parks.** - Notwithstanding any law or proclamation  
21 to the contrary, the following parks are hereby considered National Parks and shall be under  
22 the authority of the Authority: (1) Rizal Park, and (2) Paco Park. Their Administrator and  
23 Provincial Administrators are strictly mandated to investigate, study, and continually monitor  
24 areas whose over-all circumstances exhibit qualities of national significance and that may have  
25 the potential to become a NALPA Park.

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27 **SEC.19. Acquisition of Land.** - In the exercise of its power under this Act, the  
28 Authority through the Administrator shall have the power to acquire land and interests in land  
29 within the boundary of any NALPA Park. In the same manner and for the establishment of an  
30 identified National Park, the power of eminent domain shall be exercised through the  
31 Administrator, or by any of its Deputies or Provincial Administrators.

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33 **SEC.20. Creation of Urban Parks and Open Spaces in LGUs.** - Within the period  
34 provided by the Authority, LGUs shall be obliged to identify Urban Parks and Open Spaces  
35 within their jurisdictions.

36 Identified areas may either become NALPA Administered Parks or maintain  
37 their nature as Local Parks at the discretion of the LGU.

38 The Authority is hereby mandated to enter into cooperative agreements with  
39 colleges and universities, in partnership with LGUs and other agencies, to establish cooperative  
40 study units to conduct multi-disciplinary research and develop integrated information products  
41 on the resources in the NALPA Parks or the LGU of which the NALPA Park is located for  
42 possible commercial production or utilization.

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44 **SEC.21. Delineation of Authority and Coverage.** - Subject to the IRR and dependent  
45 on the categorization of the land or an area, a nature reserve or a declared protected area under

1 the NIPAS shall continue to be under the jurisdiction of the DENR. All other parks established  
2 or may be established may be covered under this Act.

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4 **SEC.22. Administration, Management, and Funding of NALPA Parks.** - Subject to  
5 reasonable restrictions under the IRR, the general public is hereby to be granted free admission  
6 to all NALPA Parks. However, the Authority may levy appropriate fees for special activities  
7 or programs.

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9 **SEC.23. Retention of Income.** - The Authority is hereby authorized to retain the  
10 entirety of its income from all sources of its operations nationwide and to spend the same for  
11 any purpose.

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13 **SEC.24. The NALPA Fund.** - The NALPA Fund is hereby established, to be managed/  
14 administered by the Authority, the income from which shall be utilized exclusively in awarding  
15 grants and providing assistance to park development programs, local government units for  
16 upgrading their capabilities, and to develop and implement training and training-related  
17 activities for park development.

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19 The contribution to the fund shall be the following:

- 20 a) a one-time lump sum appropriation from the national government in the  
21 amount of P100,000,000.00;  
22 b) donations, grants, endowments, and other bequests or gifts of which the  
23 Authority is hereby authorized to accept, and  
24 c) any other income generated by the Authority.

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26 The Authority shall be the administrator of the fund, and as such, shall  
27 formulate the necessary implementing guidelines for the management of the fund, subject to  
28 the following;

- 29 a) unless otherwise stipulated by the private donor, only earnings of private  
30 contributions shall be used;  
31 b) and no part of the seed capital of the fund, including earnings, thereof,  
32 shall be used to underwrite expenses for administration.

33 The Board shall appoint a reputable government-accredited investment  
34 institution as a fund manager, subject to guidelines promulgated by the Board.

35 **SEC.25.Incentives Schemes.** - The Authority shall develop and administer appropriate  
36 incentives schemes to encourage the LGUs and private industries and institutions to participate  
37 in the development of the National Parks System.

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39 **SEC.26. Parks and Green Spaces Awards.** - To promote park development in the  
40 country and with the view of participating in international park development competitions, the  
41 Authority, with the active participation of private industries, shall organize and conduct an  
42 annual Parks and Green Spaces Awards. The Authority, through the Secretariat, shall  
43 promulgate the necessary rules and guidelines for the effective and efficient conduct of the  
44 Annual National Parks and Green Spaces Competition among the LGUs and for the country's  
45 participation in international park development competitions.

**SEC. 27. Exemption from Taxes/Duties, Fees, and Charges.** - The Authority shall be exempt from the payment of taxes, fees, and charges imposed by the National Government and its political subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities regardless of the nature of its activity.

All donations in any form shall be exempt from the donor's tax and the same shall be considered as an allowable deduction from the gross income in the computation of the income tax of the donor, in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 8424, otherwise known as the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

Furthermore, the importation of supplies and materials for the use of the Authority shall be exempt from customs duties.

**SEC. 28. Commercial Operations of and inside of NALPA Parks.** - The Authority shall be authorized to undertake commercial operations, the proceeds of which shall be credited to the NALPA Fund:

- a) The rental of dedicated areas for external events, functions, and similar activities;
- b) The lease of dedicated areas for the erection and operation of commercial establishments inside NALPA Parks, which NALPA shall be allowed to award, through public bidding, and giving preference to nonprofit organizations of a nature related to or supportive of its mandate, for a term of up to five (5) years per contract;
- c) The production and/or licensing of official merchandise;
- d) The award of concession contracts is when the Authority shall utilize concession contracts to authorize a person, corporation, or other entity to provide accommodations, facilities, and services to visitors or users of NALPA Parks.

**SEC. 29. Contracted Services.** - The Authority is authorized to contract out services for Park Management and Safety and Security Services.

## **Chapter V**

### **Miscellaneous Provisions**

**SEC.30. NALPA Budget.** - the amount necessary to finance the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the existing appropriations of the NPDC and the NPF, and shall be supported by funds coming from the Office of the President. Thereafter, such funds as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 31. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within one hundred eighty (180) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the Board the implementing rules and regulations of this Act upon prior consultation with all concerned groups and entities.

**SEC.32.Transitory Provisions.** – Provides for the transition arrangements for the establishment of the Authority, including appointments, organizational setup, personnel matters, and transfer of assets, as follows:

- a) Within two (2) months after the approval of this Act, the President shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Tourism, appoint

1 the private sector representatives of the Board.

2 b) Within three (3) months after the appointment of the private  
3 sector representatives, the President shall, upon the recommendation of  
4 the Board, appoint the Administrator.

5 c) Within four (4) months after the appointment of the  
6 Administrator, the Board shall convene to determine the organizational  
7 structure and staffing pattern of the Authority.

8 d) Within one (1) year after the organization of the Authority,  
9 the Board shall convene to determine the organizational structure and  
10 staffing pattern of the Authority.

11 e) Upon the effectivity of this Act, and prior to the appointment  
12 of the Board and the Administrator, the heads and personnel of both  
13 NPDC and the NPF shall continue to exercise their functions and duties,  
14 in a holdover capacity, and shall ensure the smooth transition to the  
15 Board and the Administrator.

16 f) All personnel of the NPDC and NPF are hereby deemed retired  
17 from service. Retirement and separation benefits shall be paid under  
18 existing rules and regulations.

19 g) The Authority may at its discretion retain any personnel of  
20 NPDC and NPF it deems necessary to carry out its purpose and function.

21 h) The ownership and title to the properties now actually  
22 occupied by the NPF and NPDC are hereby transferred in fee simple to  
23 the Authority, subject to the following conditions:

24 a. The titles to the land conveyed by this Act shall not be  
25 transferred by the Authority

26 to another person or entity without previous  
27 authorization by the President of the

28 Philippines.

29 b. The Authority is hereby authorized to mortgage any properties  
30 referred to above for

31 the purpose of carrying out its objectives and purposes  
32 only; and

33 c. In case the Authority is dissolved or ceases, for any reason, to  
34 undertake its objectives, or ceases to need any of the lands for any  
35 reason, said land *shall ipso facto* revert to the National Government  
36 without compensation.

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38 **SEC. 33. *Automatic Review.*** - Every five (5) years, after the effectivity of this Act, an  
39 independent review panel composed of three (3) persons appointed by the President shall  
40 review the performance of the Authority and shall make recommendations, based on its  
41 findings to the President and to both Houses of Congress.

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43 **SEC. 34. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive  
44 orders, letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules, or regulations inconsistent with the  
45 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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2       **SEC. 35. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional,  
3 the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and  
4 effect.

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6       **SEC 36. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
7 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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9       *Approved,*