



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5420

BY REPRESENTATIVES MENDOZA (J.), MATUGAS AND PANOTES, PER
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1490

AN ACT REINSTATING THE ORIGINAL AREA OF THE HISTORICAL
BIAK-NA-BATO NATIONAL PARK (BNBNP) IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF BULACAN,
REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL
PROCLAMATION NOS. 401 AND 2204 AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. *Reinstatement of the Original Area of the Biak-na-Bato*
2 *National Park.* – The Biak-na-Bato National Park (BNBNP) is hereby
3 reinstated to its original area, comprising of two thousand one hundred
4 seventeen (2,117) hectares as first defined and fixed by then President Manuel
5 L. Quezon by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 223, covering barangays
6 Sibul and Biak-na-Bato of the Municipality of San Miguel and Barangay
7 Kalawakan of the Municipality of Dofia Remedios Trinidad, Province of
8 Bulacan.

9 SEC. 2. *Protection of the Biak-na-Bato National Park.* – As a national
10 park, the entire area of two thousand one hundred seventeen (2,117) hectares
11 of the BNBNP shall be governed by the provisions of Republic Act No. 7568,

1 otherwise known as the “National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of
2 1992”.

3 SEC. 3. *Prohibited Acts.* – The following acts shall be prohibited
4 within the BNNBP:

5 (a) Exploring and extracting mineral resources;

6 (b) Cutting, gathering, removing or collecting timber or any forest
7 product without the necessary permit, authorization or exemption issued by the
8 concerned government agency;

9 (c) Hunting, taking, disturbing or possessing flora and fauna or
10 products derived therefrom;

11 (d) Putting up any kind of permanent or temporary structure, which
12 does not contribute to the preservation and protection of the park;

13 (e) Engaging in kaingin or slash-and-burn farming or any activity that
14 causes forest fire;

15 (f) Vandalizing any part of the park; and

16 (g) Committing any other similar acts.

17 SEC. 4. *Penal Provision.* – A fine of not less than Fifty thousand
18 pesos (P50,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than six (6) years but not more
19 than twelve (12) years, or both, upon the discretion of the court, shall be
20 imposed for acts committed in violation of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of
21 Section 3 hereof.

22 A fine of not less than Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00) or
23 imprisonment of not less than four (4) years but not more than six (6) years, or
24 both, upon the discretion of the court, and the restoration and rehabilitation of
25 the area, shall be imposed for acts committed in violation of paragraphs (d),
26 (e), (f) and (g) of Section 3 hereof.

1 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act shall be
2 declared invalid or held unconstitutional, the other parts or provisions hereof
3 which are not affected thereby shall continue to be valid and effective.

4 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – This Act repeals Presidential
5 Proclamation Nos. 401 and 2204. All other laws, presidential decrees,
6 executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations which are inconsistent
7 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

8 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
9 its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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