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LAGDAMEO (M.), LIMKAICHONG, RODRIGUEZ (R.), SARMIENTO (M.)
AND TREÑAS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2008

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RETENTION BY THE PROTECTED
AREA MANAGEMENT BOARD OF SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT
(75%) OF THE REVENUES ACCRUING TO THE INTEGRATED
PROTECTED AREAS FUND (IPAF), AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 16 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL INTEGRATED
PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM ACT OF 1992"

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

1 SECTION 1. *Amendments to Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7586.* –
2 Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7586, otherwise known as the "National
3 Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992" is hereby amended to read as
4 follows:

5 "SEC. 16. *Integrated Protected Areas Fund.* – There is
6 hereby established a trust fund to be known as Integrated
7 Protected Areas [(IPAS)] Fund (IPAF) for purposes of

1 financing projects of the System. The [IPAS] IPAF may solicit
2 and receive donations, endowments, and grants in the form of
3 contributions, and such endowments shall be exempted from
4 income or gift taxes and all other taxes, charges or fees imposed
5 by the Government or any political subdivision or instrumentality
6 thereof.

7 "All incomes generated from the operation of the System
8 or management of wild flora and fauna shall accrue to the Fund
9 **SUBJECT TO THE RETENTION BY THE BOARD OF EACH**
10 **PROTECTED AREA, OF SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT (75%) OF ALL**
11 **THE REVENUE RAISED THEREFROM. [and may be utilized**
12 **directly by the DENR for the above purpose.] These incomes**
13 **shall be derived from:**

14 "(a) Taxes from the permitted sale and export of flora
15 and fauna and other resources from protected areas;

16 "(b) Proceeds from lease of multiple-use areas;

17 "(c) Contributions from industries and facilities directly
18 benefiting from the protected area; and

19 "(d) Such other fees and incomes derived from the
20 operation of the protected area.

21 "THE FUND, INCLUDING ALL DONATIONS, GRANTS,
22 ENDOWMENTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES AND OTHER
23 CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN ANY GOVERNMENT
24 BANK WITHIN THE LOCALITY WHERE EACH PROTECTED AREA
25 IS LOCATED: *PROVIDED*, THAT IF THERE IS NO GOVERNMENT
26 BANK AVAILABLE IN THE LOCALITY, AN ACCOUNT SHALL BE
27 OPENED IN A GOVERNMENT BANK NEAREST TO THE LOCALITY.

1 “Disbursements from the Fund shall be made solely for
2 the protection, maintenance, administration, and management of
3 the System, and duly approved projects endorsed by the PAMBs,
4 in the amounts authorized by the DENR IN ACCORDANCE WITH
5 EXISTING ACCOUNTING, BUDGETING AND AUDITING RULES
6 AND REGULATIONS: *PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE FUND*
7 *SHALL NOT BE USED TO COVER PERSONAL SERVICES*
8 *EXPENDITURES.”*

9 SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.* – If any part of this Act is declared
10 invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the other parts of
11 this Act.

12 SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, acts, presidential decrees,
13 executive orders, administrative orders, rules and regulations inconsistent
14 herewith or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended,
15 modified or repealed accordingly.

16 SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
17 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of
18 general circulation.

Approved,

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