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GONZALEZ, MANGAOANG, DALOG, SY-ALVARADO, COSALAN,  
BULUT-BEGTANG AND ROBES, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 713

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AN ACT DECLARING KENNON ROAD TRAVERSING  
BAGUIO CITY AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA,  
PROVINCE OF BENGUET AS A NATIONAL HERITAGE  
ZONE, PROVIDING FOR ITS CONSERVATION,  
RESTORATION, REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT,  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1           SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the  
2 State to protect, preserve and conserve the nation's cultural  
3 heritage, its properties and history, and the ethnicities of local  
4 communities.

5           SEC. 2. *Declaration as National Heritage Zone.* – The  
6 Kennon Road, traversing Barangays BGH, Military Cut-off,  
7 Camp 8, San Vicente, Poliwes, and Camp 7 in Baguio City and  
8 Barangays Camp 6, Camp 5, Camp 4, Camp 3, Camp 2, and Camp 1  
9 in the Municipality of Tuba, Province of Benguet, is hereby declared  
10 a National Heritage Zone.

1           The Kennon Road shall be accorded priority development  
2 by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned  
3 departments and agencies of the government, subject to the rules  
4 and regulations governing the development of national heritage  
5 zones.

6           SEC. 3. *Development Plan.* – Within one (1) year after the  
7 effectivity of this Act, the DOT, in partnership with the Tourism  
8 Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), the  
9 Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the City  
10 Government of Baguio, the Municipal Government of Tuba, and  
11 other government agencies concerned, shall prepare the  
12 development plan for the conservation, restoration, rehabilitation  
13 and development of the area where Kennon Road is situated:  
14 *Provided,* That such development plan shall ensure the preservation  
15 of cultural heritage and historical sites identified to be located in  
16 the area of development.

17           SEC. 4. *Coordination Among National Government Agencies*  
18 *and Local Government Units.* – The DOT, together with the TIEZA  
19 and the DPWH, in coordination with the City Government of  
20 Baguio and the Municipal Government of Tuba, shall prepare the  
21 infrastructure program and implement the necessary construction  
22 and improvement of Kennon Road and other related infrastructure  
23 projects.

24           SEC. 5. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Tourism and the  
25 Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall immediately include  
26 in their respective programs the implementation of this Act, the  
27 funding of which shall be included in the annual General

1 Appropriations Act and/or charged against the internally generated  
2 funds of the DOT.

3       SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within  
4 ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of the  
5 DOT and the Secretary of the DPWH, in consultation with  
6 concerned stakeholders, shall formulate the rules and regulations  
7 implementing the provisions of this Act.

8       SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is  
9 held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared  
10 shall remain in force and effect.

11       SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders and  
12 rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions  
13 of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

14       SEC. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)  
15 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of  
16 general circulation.

Approved,

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