

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH (18TH) CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2595

Introduced by: Representative Jose L. Atienza, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The City of Manila has always played a major part in our country's history, from the time of the rajahs, up to the Second World War. It is a city rich in history and culture, without which the Philippines would not be what it is now.

Aside from a proud and brave people, Manila is replete with historical and cultural sites, such as Intramuros and Luneta Park in the heart of the city. However, during martial law, management and supervision over Intramuros was removed from the City government of Manila and given to the Intramuros Administration (I.A.).

The Municipal Golf Links, now known as the Club Intramuros Golf Course right in front of City Hall, is another example of a city property that had been taken away from the local government of Manila through Presidential Decree (P.D.) 1763 during martial law. Since then, this seven-hectare prime property has been used as an exclusive golf course by a few hundred members, when in fact it should be reverted back to the City. This vast open space could instead be used as a public park that would benefit millions of Filipinos.

This bill seeks to return the administration, control and management of Club Intramuros Golf Course to the City Government of Manila that may be used as an open park and recreational area for Manileños. This would help promote local autonomy – where all local governments can plan their own development and progress, as embodied in our Constitution and Local Government Code. No city would be able to fully develop and achieve progress if its treasures are lost and given away by the national government.


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MANILA

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “ Act Returning the Administration, Control and Management of Club Intramuros Golf Course to the City Government of Manila”.

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State under Article II, Section 25, that Autonomy of the Local Government Units shall be ensured.

SECTION 3. The Administration, Control and Management of the Club Intramuros Golf Course shall be under the City Government of Manila

SECTION 4. . *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, otherwise provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved.