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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the declared policy of the State to conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources. The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) is the government agency responsible for the conservation and preservation of the country's historical legacies. This measure aims to address two weaknesses in the Charter of the NHCP, with the ultimate goal of helping the Commission fulfill its mandate.

First, it amends the qualifications of the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director to require a master's degree as a minimum qualification as actually required by the Civil Service Commission, and career executive service officer (CESO) eligibility only with respect to the Executive Director.

Second, this bill proposes that the NHCP retain fifty percent (50%) of its income so that it will have ample funds to effectively deliver its services in furtherance of its mandate. As the law currently stands, a cap of one million pesos (P 1,000,000) is insufficient to supplement the cost of maintaining 22 museums alongside other projects of the Commission.

In our pursuit of building a coherent national identity through the preservation and promotion of our heritage and history, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTIONS 17 AND 24 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10086
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT STRENGTHENING PEOPLE'S
NATIONALISM THROUGH PHILIPPINE HISTORY BY CHANGING THE
NOMENCLATURE OF THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE INTO
THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES,
STRENGTHENING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES".

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 17 of R.A. No. 10086 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

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4 **"Section 17.** *Qualifications of the Executive Director and*
5 *Deputy Executive Director.* – No person shall be appointed or
6 designated as Executive Director and Deputy Executive
7 Directors of the NHCP unless he/she possesses the following
8 minimum qualifications:

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10 (a) A natural-born citizen of the Republic of the
11 Philippines;

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13 (b) Has good moral character;

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15 (c) Holder of [any four (4)-year college] **A MASTER'S**
16 degree;

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18 (d) Has at least five (5) years of actual and relevant
19 experience in managing a government agency in the
20 case of the Executive Director and three (3) years
21 experience in the case of the Deputy Executive Directors;
22 and

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24 (e) Has career executive service officer (CESO) eligibility

1 only with respect to the [Deputy] Executive Director
2 position."
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4 **SEC. 2.** Section 24 of R.A. No. 10086 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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6 **"Section 24. Revolving Fund.** – The [income of the
7 NHCP not exceeding the amount of One million pesos
8 (P1,000,000.00)] **NHCP SHALL RETAIN FIFTY PERCENT**
9 **(50%) OF ITS INCOME** derived from the proceeds of
10 publications, park entrance fees and donations, the rendering of
11 technical services, conferences and workshops and similar
12 income shall be constituted as a revolving fund to augment the
13 projects where the income was derived, subject to government
14 auditing rules and regulations: *Provided, That* [proceeds in
15 excess of the aforementioned amount] **THE REMAINING FIFTY**
16 **PERCENT (50%)** shall be remitted to the National Treasury and
17 accrue to the General Fund."
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19 **SEC. 3. Repealing Clause.** – All provisions of existing laws, orders, rules and
20 regulations inconsistent with or contrary to this Act are hereby repealed or
21 modified accordingly.
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23 **SEC. 4. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
24 its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of
25 general circulation.

Approved,