

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 826, August 14, 1952 ]**

**AN ACT CREATING THE COMMISSION ON PARKS AND WILDLIFE,  
DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND DUTIES.**

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

SECTION 1. *Creation of Commission on Parks and Wildlife.*—In order to promote effectual planning, development, maintenance, and conservation of national parks, monuments and wildlife in said parks, of game and fish, and of provincial, city and municipal public parks, to provide for the enjoyment of the same, and to carry out the provisions of this Act, there is hereby created a commission to be known as the Commission on Parks and Wildlife, hereinafter referred to as the Commission. The Commission shall be composed of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, who shall be the Chairman of the Commission, the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Health and the Social Welfare Commissioner, as members. The Chairman and the members of the Commission shall serve as such without additional compensation. A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a *quorum*.

The Commission shall be under the executive control and supervision of the President of the Philippines.

SEC. 2. *Duties of the Commission.*—It shall be the duty of the Commission to administer the provisions of this Act and to promote, conserve, maintain, and regulate the use of national parks, national monuments and wildlife in said parks, of game and fish, game refuges, bird sanctuaries, and game farms, and to provide assistance to, and cooperate with, the provinces, chartered cities, municipalities and municipal districts in the establishment and conservation of provincial, city, municipal and municipal district parks and monuments by such means and measures as conform to the fundamental purpose of the said parks, monuments, and game and fish, game refuges, bird sanctuaries, and game farms, which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein, including birds, fishes, mammals, and other animals and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. The Commission is also charged with the administration of Acts Numbered Twenty-five hundred and ninety, entitled "An Act for the protection of game and fish," and Numbered Thirty-nine hundred and fifteen, entitled "An Act providing for the establishment of National Parks, declaring such parks as game refuges, and for other purposes," both as amended.

SEC. 3. *Powers of the Commission.*—The Commission shall have power to:

- a. Adopt rules and regulations for the administration of this Act, and the transaction of the business of the Commission.
- b. Make expenditures for the care, supervision, improvement, development, extension and maintenance of all parks, parkways, and monuments under the control of the Commission and for the protection and conservation of wildlife and game fish, game refuges, bird sanctuaries and game farms.
- c. Make rules and regulations governing the proper use and protection of park areas, game refuges, bird sanctuaries and game farms and to protect property and preserve the peace therein.
- d. Cooperate with the local governments for the purpose of securing improvement, development, or maintenance of lands which are designated as parks or pleasure grounds and to secure agreements between the local governments for the accomplishment of the purposes of this Act.
- e. Delegate to the Director of Parks and Wildlife or other employees of the Commission, to foresters, rangers and forest guards of the Bureau of Forestry; to land inspectors of the Bureau of Lands; to agricultural agents, plant inspectors or other suitable employees of the Bureau of Agricultural Extension Service or of the Bureau of Plant Industry; and to members of the Philippine Constabulary and of the local police force and other suitable persons any duty or authority relative to the administration, or protection of national parks, wildlife, game and fish, game refuges, bird sanctuaries and game farms.

Said Director of Parks and Wildlife and employees and persons shall comply with the duty and exercise the authority delegated to them pursuant to this subsection. They shall, in addition, be peace officers and as such they may arrest any person within the premises of national parks found under suspicious circumstances and reasonably tending to show that such person has committed or is about to commit an offense against the laws or regulations concerning national parks, wildlife, game and fish, game refuges, bird sanctuaries and game farms.

SEC. 4. *Director of Parks and Wildlife—other employees.*—The Commission shall have a Director of Parks and Wildlife who shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission on Appointments and who shall have active charge and administration of all national parks and national monuments and of the laws relating to the protection of game and fish, game refuges, bird sanctuaries and game farms. He shall, under the direction of the Commission, cooperate with local boards of park commissioners and local officials in the establishment and conservation of provincial, city, municipal and municipal district public parks; He shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be required by the Commission. Said director shall be selected solely upon the basis of executive ability and special training in park matters. He shall receive an annual compensation of seven thousand two hundred pesos.

The Director of Parks and Wildlife shall appoint, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations and subject to the approval of the Commission, such employees as shall be necessary for the maintenance and conservation of national parks and monuments, and protection and conservation of wildlife and game and for carrying out the functions of the Commission.

SEC. 5. *Acquisition of property by gifts or otherwise.*— The Commission, on behalf of the National Government, and the provincial, city, and municipal or municipal district