

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1569, June 16, 1956]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION ONE OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO DECLARE FORT SANTIAGO A NATIONAL SHRINE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MONUMENTS IN THE WALLED CITY OF MANILA." AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF THE FORMER SITE OF THE AYUNTAMIENTO TO THE CENTRAL BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES.

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

SECTION 1. Section one of Republic Act Numbered Five hundred ninety-seven is amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Fort Santiago is hereby declared a national shrine to be known as the "Shrine of Freedom" in memory of Rizal and a legion of national heroes and martyrs who had been confined and lost their lives within said premises.

"It shall be constructed as closely as possible along the lines of the original structure, and its surrounding shall be reserved for a national Plaza of the Unknown Hero which shall include the site occupied by the former Palace of the Spanish Governors-General, and excluding the former site of the *Ayuntamiento* which shall be sold to the Central Bank of the Philippines to be used in the construction of a new and modern building, subject to conditions to be approved by the President of the Philippines."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 16, 1956.



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