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HOUSE BILL NO.: **416**

Introduced By: **HONORABLE JOSE CARLOS V. LACSON**

Explanatory Note

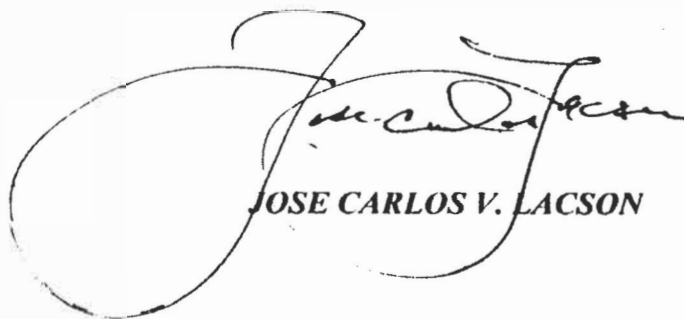
This measure seeks to urge the President and the officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for a total log ban in the 3rd District, Province of Negros Occidental.

The importance of trees in our lives is beyond question and aptly we say, "We think that we would never see a lovely living without a tree." Trees are indeed one of nature's best gift to man and every living creature on earth. They prevent soil erosion and floods, maintain the fertility of the soil, and assure the steady supply of portable water. In every forest, there are vital watershed that serves most of our municipalities and cities.

Today, our virgin forest in almost all provinces in the country are almost denuded if not practically left with a very few trees. Encroachments of landless illegal logging and the absence of government protection.

When typhoons come, a disastrous flood inundated and damaged the municipalities of E.B. Magalona and Manapla, as well as some sugar land in the Cities of Silay and Victorias. From the survey of the Northern Negros Forest Reserve (NNFR) and the Negros Forest and Ecological Foundation Inc. (NFEFI) has traced the principal culprit of the disaster to the Malogo River watershed which is deep inside the Reserve and suffers from severe deforestation.

With the urgent call of our times to conserve and protect lives of mankind, animals of our forest, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT URGING THE PRESIDENT AND THE OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DECLARE A TOTAL LOG BAN IN THE THIRD DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PUROSES.

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared a total log ban in the Third District, Province of Negros Occidental.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall issue the necessary rules and regulation for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.