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House Bill No. 1542

Introduced by Honorable Darlene R. Antonino-Custodio

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to reserve for marine, agricultural and commercial economic zone site a certain tract of land of the public domain located in Barangay Tambler, General Santos City under the administration and management of the Department of Agriculture.

A burgeoning city which has become one of the economic hubs in Southern Mindanao, and more particularly dubbed as the Tuna Capital of the Philippines, General Santos City has been the subject of heavy internal migration for the past several years. People flock to the city in search of employment and golden opportunities, causing the population to swell to a record high of Four hundred eleven thousand eight hundred twenty two (May 1, 2000 census). Worst, with a population growth rate of 5.05%, General Santos City has the third highest growth rate in the country (next only to Tawi-tawi and Laguna at 5.53 and 5.45% respectively).

If not properly managed and resolved therefore, the urban migration and the resultant social problems that it breeds will produce problems of unmanageable proportions. In particular, increase in population causes a sometimes skewed utilization of a city's resources with the city's land area sometimes being devoted to housing and industrial concerns.

This bill therefore aims to utilize and reserve land for marine, agricultural and economic zone areas, which shall not in any way prejudice the ecological balance in the area but will even strike a balance in the utilization of the city's available land resources.

In view of the foregoing considerations, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

RESERVING FOR MARINE, AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL ECONOMIC ZONE SITE A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED IN BARANGAY TAMBLER, GENERAL SANTOS CITY, ISLAND OF MINDANAO UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby reserved for marine, agricultural and commercial economic zone site, under the administration and management of the Department of Agriculture, a certain tract of land of the public domain containing an area of eleven million one hundred twenty thousand (11,120,000) square meters, more or less which is more particularly described as follows:

A parcel of land situated in Barangay Tambler, General Santos City, Island of Mindanao;

Bounded on the North by Banwalan river; on the East by Project No. 47-R, Block A, alienable or disposable; on the South, FLGLA Nos. 529, 85, 551, 528 & PLA 4128; on the West by FLGLA No. 386.

Beginning at a point "1" on N 25° 58" W 2068.00 M from Tri. Sta. West, thence:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

<u>Station</u>	<u>Bearing</u>	<u>Distance</u>
1 2	S 07° 00' W	600.00 M
2 3	N 73° 00' E	630.00 M
3 4	S 15° 00' W	250.00 M
4 5	S 01° 00' E	420.0 M
5 6	N 78° 00' E	290.00 M
6 7	N 75° 00' E	290.00 M
7 8	S 88° 00' E	450.00 M
8 9	S 07° 00' E	303.00 M
9 10	S 21° 00' W	320.00 M
10 11	S 02° 00' E	220.00 M
11 12	S 28° 00' W	391.00 M
12 13	N 58° 00' W	165.00 M
13 14	N 52° 00' W	245.00 M
14 15	N 74° 00' W	425.00 M
15 16	N 74° 00' W	330.00 M
16 17	N 74° 00' W	210.00 M
17 18	S 81° 00' W	205.00 M
18 19	S 81° 00' W	300.00 M
19 20	S 81° 00' W	630.00 M
20 21	S 81° 00' W	500.00 M
21 22	S 81° 00' W	500.00 M
22 23	S 81° 00' W	500.00 M
23 24	S 81° 00' W	500.00 M
24 25	S 81° 00' W	500.00 M
25 26	S 81° 00' W	500.00 M
26 27	S 81° 00' W	600.00 M
27 28	N 88° 00' W	780.00 M
28 29	N 11° 00' E	500.00 M
29 30	N 11° 00' E	500.00 M
30 31	N 11° 00' E	500.00 M
31 32	N 11° 00' E	660.00 M
32 33	Following	2,070.00 M
33 34	Banwalan	1,400.00 M
34 35	River	1,100.00 M
35 1	Downstream	690.00 M

point of beginning containing an area of eleven million one hundred twenty thousand (11,120,000.00) square meters, more or less.

SEC. 2. The utilization of the reserved land shall not in any way prejudice the ecological balance in the area, and the removal of timber and other forest products therein shall be subject to forest and internal reserve laws and regulations.

SEC. 3. The jurisdiction of the area insofar as the enforcement of environmental and natural resources laws, rules and regulations and other such laws, and the final disposition of the same, if ever allowed by law, shall remain with the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

SEC. 4. Twenty meters of both sides of banks of rivers, creeks and natural depression that served as the waterways shall be planted with trees and reserved as permanent forest land.

SEC. 5. The final survey and delineation on the ground of the reserved area shall be undertaken by the DENR at the expense of the City Government of General Santos.

SEC. 6. The disposition of such part or parts of the area herein declared open for disposition which are being used or earmarked for public and quasi-public purposes shall be excluded from such disposition. Except in favor of the government or any of its branches, units or institutions or agencies, lands disposed under this Proclamation shall not be subject to alienation and encumbrances for a term of ten (10) years from the issuance of the Deed of Sale/Conveyance, in the case of sale or execution of Contract. In case of lease, nor shall they become liable to the satisfaction of any debt contracted prior to the expiration of the said period except for housing loan purposes; but improvements on the land may be mortgaged to qualified persons, associations or corporations.

SEC. 7. If any of the provisions of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional, any of the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent hereof, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,