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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Some government officials dispose off public lands in anomalous methods favoring private persons and some local officials to buy back the previous piece of land for monetary purposes. The agencies manage to register these lands and even mountains in favor of private entities without the full knowledge of the Department of Land Reform, Department of Agriculture, National Housing Authority, and Department of Environment and Natural Resources. From a very few to hundreds of hectares, lands were transferred without proper procedure and court order. These parcels of land are usually used as loan collateral or developed into housing projects. In the said project, house may collapse due to landslides for lack of concrete support at the foot of the mountain. These sites, however, are good for forest reservation which is punishable by imprisonment if there will be conversion, thereby, a return of the total cost of the value of land to the government is required.

The newspapers, radio stations, and television networks announce big earnings of land developers but instead a heavy damage is hanging over the heads of the residents in the hilly housing

project for lack of scrutinization of the location on whether the land is viable for house construction.

The DENR should impose strict policies and regulations on the developers who use the land as loan collaterals instead for agri-business purposes. Transfer of ownership to private persons should not be allowed or tolerated until full documentation is completed by the concerned agencies.

The developer should be punishable including the government official who uses his influence and the money of the government for these anomalous and scandalous transactions.

Accordingly, approval of the attached bill is earnestly requested.



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"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE, TRANSFER AND DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC LAND TO PRIVATE ENTITIES WITHOUT A COMPLETE EVALUATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF LAND REFORM, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY AND OTHER LOCAL AGENCIES, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. The sale of public lands in favor of private persons and entities without the evaluation and approval of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Land Reform, Department of Agriculture, National Housing Authority and other local agencies is hereby prohibited.

SEC. 2. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Land Reform, Department of Agriculture and National Housing Authority shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper and appropriate implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. Penalty for the violation of this act shall be the same as in the plunder case.

APPROVED,