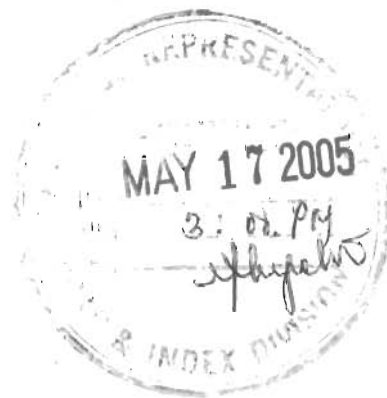




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to require all local government units to plant one hundred thousand mangoes, mahogany and hardwood trees in their respective jurisdiction.

Trees are of vital necessity in human survival. They provide fruits, wood and timber for buildings, bridges and furniture. They are used as raw materials in producing rubber, drugs, plastics and industrial chemicals such as turpentine and resin. Forested areas are haven for wildlife and also provide forage for livestock. Trees also help purify the atmosphere by absorbing carbon monoxide and releasing oxygen. They collect and regulate the flow of water, making them still the most effective soil conservation agent, thus preventing floods and erosions a certain areas.

The idea of planting trees satisfies both the aesthetic and conservationist sense. Over the years, our country has been transformed into concrete and asphalt jungles. Trees that used to adorn the urban and rural landscape had been uprooted, to make way for new and bigger roads or more buildings.

This measure is intended to beautify our country and to maintain ecological balance and a healthy environment. Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.

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

SECTION 1. All local government units shall, under the supervision of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, plant trees in their respective jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources shall provide the local government units with seedling of trees to be planted in accordance with this Act.

SEC. 3. The local government units concerned shall be responsible for the maintenance, preservation and conservation of the trees planted within their respective jurisdiction.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Interior and Local Government in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. The sum necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriation for the Department of the Interior and Local Government under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act, shall be included in the annual budget of the local government unit concerned.

SEC. 12. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,