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EXPLANATORY NOTE

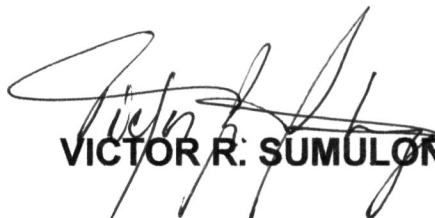
Under Philippine laws and jurisprudence, classification of lands is a function of the Executive Branch of the government, that is, the President acting through and upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Environment and Natural Resources. However, when it comes to reclassification of lands *Section 4, paragraph (a) of Republic Act No. 6657*, otherwise known as the *Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law (CARL)*, states "No reclassification of forest and mineral lands to agricultural lands shall be undertaken after the approval of this Act until Congress, taking into account ecological, developmental and equity considerations, shall have determined by law, the specific limits of the public domain." This provision has been interpreted to mean that only an Act of Congress could, at present, effectuate reclassification of lands in the country..

This bill seeks to reclassify a total of one thousand four hundred thirty (1,430) hectares of land classified as integrated social forestry area under Presidential Proclamation No. 586, dated June 5, 1990, from forest land to alienable and disposable land for the establishment of a Government Center in the City of Antipolo, Province of Rizal, and for other dispositions. For purposes of the measure, "other dispositions" may include the establishment of: **(a)** a socialized housing project, especially for the affected government employees and indigent Antipolo City residents; **(b)** an annex building of the University of Rizal System (URS); **(c)** a farmers' village; **(d)** a new city cemetery; and **(e)** support structures, facilities or institutions to the new government complex; and other developmental initiatives that may fall under the general welfare clause of the Local Government Code of 1991. "Government Center", on the other hand, would naturally include **(1)** a new City Hall, **(2)** a Hall of Justice, **(3)** police and **(4)** fire stations, **(5)** other essential offices and instrumentalities of the City Government of Antipolo, and **(6)** local branches of the various national government offices.

The enactment of this measure has indeed become more and more imperative with the passage of years. The very crowded location at the *poblacion* of the present City Hall, brought about in part by poor urban planning (or the complete absence thereof when the city was being founded) and exacerbated by the unmitigated influx of migrants into the city, have conspired to stifle the spirit of governance. The envisioned new government complex would now provide the much-needed breathing space for official transactions, thus, enabling the city government to pulsate with renewed administrative vibrancy and creativity.

Hence, the immediate passage of this bill into law is therefore earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

RECLASSIFYING A TOTAL OF ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY (1,430) HECTARES OF LAND CLASSIFIED AS INTEGRATED SOCIAL FORESTRY AREA UNDER PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 585, DATED JUNE 5, 1990, FROM FOREST LAND TO ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LAND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNMENT CENTER IN THE CITY OF ANTIPOLO, PROVINCE OF RIZAL AND FOR OTHER DISPOSITIONS

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

SECTION 1. The one thousand four hundred thirty (1,430) hectares of land located in Sitio Bosoboso, Barangay San Jose in the City of Antipolo, Province of Rizal and classified as integrated social forestry area under Presidential Proclamation No. 585, dated June 5, 1990, is hereby reclassified as alienable and disposable land for the establishment of a Government Center in the City of Antipolo, Province of Rizal and for other dispositions.

Said portion of land is more particularly described as follows:

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
1-2	N 31 deg. 00'W	500 m.
2-3	N 75 deg. 00'W	700 m.
3-4	N 14 deg. 00'W	1,420 m.
4-5	S 25 deg. 00'E	820 m.
5-6	N 61 deg. 00'E	240 m.
6-7	N 75 deg. 00'E	200 m.

7-8	N 75 deg. 00'E	200 m.
8-9	S 77 deg. 00'E	340 m.
9-10	N 14 deg. 00'E	1,520 m.
10-11	S 75 deg. 00'E	1,090 m.
11-12	N 56 deg. 00'E	640 m.
12-13	S 43 deg. 00'E	680 m.
13-14	N 77 deg. 00'E	240 m.
14-15	S 30 deg. 00'E	180 m.
15-16	S 30 deg. 00'E	250 m.
16-17	S 30 deg. 00'E	310 m.
17-18	N 74 deg. 00'E	110 m.
18-19	S 83 deg. 00'E	270 m.
19-20	N 10 deg. 00'W	370 m.
20-21	N 10 deg. 00'W	280 m.
21-22	N 84 deg. 00'W	290 m.
22-23	N 47 deg. 00'W	150 m.
23-24	S 81 deg. 00'W	100 m.
24-25	N 57 deg. 00'E	80 m.
25-26	N 15 deg. 00'E	320 m.
26-27	N 25 deg. 00'E	270 m.
27-28	N 62 deg. 00'E	560 m.
28-29	S 70 deg. 00'E	1,000 m.
29-30	S 15 deg. 00'E	180 m.
30-31	S 13 deg. 00'W	65 m.
31-32	S 59 deg. 00'E	85 m.
32-33	S 30 deg. 00'W	160 m.
33-34	N 79 deg. 00'W	150 m.
34-35	S 84 deg. 00'W	415 m.
35-36	S 26 deg. 00'W	300 m.
36-37	S 08 deg. 00'W	1,600 m.

37-38	S 65 deg. 00'E	750 m.
38-39	N 67 deg. 00'E	300 m.
39-40	S 71 deg. 00'E	840 m.
40-41	N 62 deg. 00'E	400 m.
41-42	Due South	1,320 m.
42-43	S 43 deg. 00"E	850 m.
43-44	S 63 deg. 00'W	675 m.
44-45	N 52 deg. 00'W	820 m.
45-46	N 52 deg. 00'W	640 m.
46-47	N 52 deg. 00'W	860 m.
47-48	N 52 deg. 00'W	420 m.
48-49	N 52 deg. 00'W	700 m.
49-50	N 67 deg. 00'E	400 m.
50-51	N 08 deg. 00'E	550 m.
51-52	N 19 deg. 00'W	520 m.
52-53	S 29 deg. 00'W	470 m.
53-54	S 88 deg. 00'W	730 m.
54-55	S 14 deg. 00'W	390 m.
55-56	S 14 deg. 00'W	90 m.
56-57	S 62 deg. 00'E	260 m.
57-58	Due South	350 m.
58-59	S 68 deg. 00'W	160 m.
59-60	S 08 deg. 00'W	100 m.
60-61	S 46 deg. 00'E	225 m.
61-62	S 68 deg. 00'W	150 m.
62-63	S 29 deg. 00'W	255 m.
63-64	S 29 deg. 00'W	800 m.
64-65	S 29 deg. 00'W	400 m.
65-66	N 64 deg. 00'W	200 m.
66-67	N 39 deg. 00'W	320 m.

67-68	N 40 deg. 00'W	410 m.
68-69	N 40 deg. 00'W	400 m.
69-1	N 40 deg. 00'W	340 m.

SEC. 2. The City Government of Antipolo shall oversee the establishment of a new Government Center for the City of Antipolo in the reclassified land as described under Section 1 of this Act..

The new government complex in Antipolo City shall include, among other institutions and facilities, a city hall, a hall of justice, police and fire stations, other offices and instrumentalities of the City Government of Antipolo, and local branches of the various national government offices. It may also include a socialized housing project for the affected government employees and indigent Antipolo City residents, an annex building of the University of Rizal System (URS), a farmers' village and a new city cemetery.

SEC. 3. The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Provincial Government of Rizal shall provide financial and / or technical assistance to the City Government of Antipolo to realize the construction of the new Government Center within a reasonable period of time from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Interior and Local Government shall issue the necessary orders, rules, regulations and circulars to implement the provision of this Act.

SEC. 5. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the implementing agencies in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and every year thereafter.

SEC. 6. All laws, decrees, orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,