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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2121

Introduced by : **Honorable GEORGE P. ARNAIZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Constitution expressly states that no Filipino citizen should be homeless in his country. However, it is a well known fact that most lands in this country, especially alienable and disposable lands, are subject or are already under private claims or ownership, thereby limiting available lands for most of the poor who also deserve a land to call their own.

It is in this context that the City of Bais, after due deliberations, have decided to explore the possibility of reclassifying certain portions of its vast timberland areas into alienable and disposable land for the sole purpose of allocating it to the landless and homeless residents of the City through its planned socialized housing development program while at the same time allowing them the opportunity to avail of the different services that the City could provide as well as the opportunity to enhance their livelihood needs and become productive citizens of the City.

The lot to be reclassified is approximately 15,6587 hectares as delineated by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and part of Lot 734, CAD 115 of the Bais City Cadastre. It is at present classified as Timberland for Fishpond Development and is quite proximate to the City Hall of Bais City. It is not used for its original purpose as it is being occupied by the landless residents of the City. Instead of allowing the area to grow into a slum colony that may later pose as a problem to the City in terms of sanitation and peace and order, just among other urban problems, national government should legitimize the occupancy of our landless residents. The legitimation process can be done by implementing a

socialized housing development program, which as proposed has gained the support of government agencies concerned with the alleviation of the plight of our poor countrymen. However, the socialized housing development program of the government could not be realized if the land in question is not suitably classified as such that it will conform with the existing laws of the land when it comes to the disposition of land and other purposes. For this reason, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT RECLASSIFYING THE 15.6587 HECTARES OF LAND
WITHIN LOT NO. 734E OF CAD 115, BAIS CADASTRE FROM
TIMBERLAND FOR FISHPOND DEVELOPMENT INTO
ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LAND FOR SOCIALIZED
HOUSING PROJECT**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives
of the Philippine Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. The 15.6587 hectares of land, which forms part
of Lot 734E of CAD 115, Bais Cadastre as delineated with the
following technical description, is hereby reclassified as alienable
and disposable land for socialized housing project:

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
BBMI-1	N 84° 28' E	83.13M
1 2	N 51° 00' W	60.82"
2 3	N 38° 17' E	4.94"
3 4	N 14° 23' W	11.48"
4 5	N 84° 36' W	16.86"
5 6	N 51° 00' W	40.29"
6 7	N 09° 00' W	150.00"
7 8	N 75° 00' W	44.70"
8 9	N 63° 08' W	23.79"
9 10	N 86° 10' W	25.29"
10 11	N 75° 00' W	83.67'
11 12	N 67° 54' W	3.02"
15 13	N 76° 02' W	20.56"
13 14	N 15° 00' W	23.03"
14 15	N 68° 00' E	313.54"

15	16	S 69° 31' E	304.12"
16	17	S 22° 47' E	49.61"
17	18	S 63° 26' E	64.85"
18	19	S 17° 39' W	23.09"
19	20	S 56° 39' W	56.30"
20	21	S 09° 56' E	109.60"
21	22	S 23° 41' W	204.20"
22	23	S 00° 59' E	175.02"
23	24	S 56° 58' E	70.33"
24	25	N 17° 39' E	502.38"
25	26	S 39° 24' W	62.96"
26	27	S 01° 12' W	207.85"
27	28	S 32° 24' W	129.47"

SECTION 2. The lands herein reclassified shall be subject to actual survey and subdivision planning for equitable distribution to qualified residents as determined by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)-Provincial Office, in accordance with the existing criteria of the National Housing Authority.

SECTION 3. All laws, decrees, orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,