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Introduced by Honorable Mar-Len Abigail S. Binay

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Mt. Makiling is legendary not only for its tale of Maria Makiling but also for its forest reserve which in the same manner is a place of significance and importance to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines. The Mt. Makiling Forest Reserve has served as a monumental ground for Boy Scouts locally and internationally, it is a venue where scouts are able to enjoy its grandeur and practice their skills in scoutcraft.

Many events have been held in this site, from international events such as the 10th World Scout Jamboree in 1959 to the first ASEAN Jamboree in 1993 and even the 26th Asia Pacific Regional Jamboree in 2009. Even domestic events such as our annual Regional Jamboree are regularly held in this historical site.

Currently Mt. Makiling Forest Reserve is in the jurisdiction of the University of the Philippines – Los Banos that uses it as a laboratory and training grounds for its research in Agriculture, Agro-Industrial Technology as well as its Forestry and Natural Resource courses. This bill seeks to transfer part of Mt. Makiling Forest Reserve described herein to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines so that the latter may exercise administration, control and jurisdiction over such part.

Given the historical importance and significance of Mt. Makiling Forest Reserve to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and its role and meaning to the the scouts internationally, it should be deemed rightful for these boy scouts to seek to reserve part of this site for themselves so they may use and preserve the same.

In light of the foregoing and for the enhancement of the scoutcraft of our children and youth the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

VESTING THE BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES (BSP) WITH CONTROL, JURISDICTION, AND ADMINISTRATION OF A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT MOUNT MAKILING, LOS BANOS, LAGUNA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES (BSP) JAMBOREE SITE", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, a parcel of land located at Mount Mailing, Los Banos, Laguna described and bounded by points and lines according to Survey Plan Psu-195497 approved by the Bureau of Lands on February 26, 1963, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point "I, on Plan Ps -195497 5.7 deg 28", 1783.58 M. from B.L.L.M. No. 1 of Los Banos, Laguna,

Thence N. 87 deg. 21'E., 459.97 m. to point 2;
Thence S. 08 deg. 36W., 50.04 m. to point 3;
Thence S. 21 deg. 39W., 80.82 m. to point 4;
Thence S. 32 deg. 09W., 106.38 m. to point 5;
Thence S. 52 deg. 49'W., 116.99 m. to point 6;
Thence S. 64 deg. 29W., 165.69 m. to point 7;
Thence S. 17 deg. 03'E., 158.58 m. to point 8;
Thence S. 14 deg. E., 191 m. to point 9;
Thence S. 21 deg. 56'E., 106.74 m. to point 10;
Thence S. 60 deg. 23W., 58.16 m to point 11;
Thence S. 80 deg. 20W., 44.41 m. to point 12;
Thence N. 71 deg. 26W., 63.45 m. to point 13;
Thence N. 48 deg. 56W., 24.96 m. to point 14;
Thence N. 14 deg. 48W., 34.97 m. to point 15;
Thence N. 04 deg. 08W., 19.46 m. to point 16;
Thence S. 63 deg. 55W., 98.95 m. to point 17;
Thence following Pill Creek upstream about

S. 62 deg. 55W., 74.03 m. to point 18;
Thence S. 13 deg. 28W., 54.90 m. to point 19;
Thence S. 61 deg. 45W., 19.25 m. to point 20;
Thence N. 86 deg. 20'W., 51.20 m. to point 21;
Thence N. 76 deg. 16W., 31.22 m. to point 22;
Thence S. 56 deg. 18W., 70.26 m. to point 23;
Thence N. 82 deg. 06W., 29.53m. to point 24;
Thence S. 43 deg. 43W., 43.18 m. to point 25;

Thence S. 47 deg. 39W., 70.55 m. to point 26;
 Thence S. 42 deg. 20W., 59.80 m. to point 27;
 Thence S. 21 deg. 52W., 9.11 m. to point 28;
 Thence N. 27 deg. 57W., 134.30 m. to point 29;
 Thence N. 23 deg. 49W., 397.92 m. to point 30;
 Thence N. 63 deg. W., 155 m. to point 31;
 Thence N. 58 deg. E, 66.6 m to point 32;
 Thence N. 44 deg. E., 27.1 m. to point 33;
 Thence N. 40 deg. E, 53.3 m. to the point 34
 Thence N. 20 deg. E, 127.8 m to the point 35
 Thence N. 22 deg. E, 43.3 m to the point 36
 Thence N. 46 deg. E, 21.7 m to the point 37
 Thence N. 15 deg. E, 18 m to the point 38
 Thence N. 45 deg. E, 38.6 m to the point 39
 Thence N. 40 deg. E, 113.5 m to the point 40
 Thence N. 30 deg. E, 37 m to the point 41
 Thence N. 11 deg. E, 45 m to the point 42 42-UPCF
 MON 51-A N. 87 deg. E, 80 m
 UPCF-MON. 51-A-1 N. 87 deg., 21E, 145 M

Of beginning, containing an area of 57.77 hectares is hereby ceded, transferred, and conveyed to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP). The aforecited parcel of land shall hereinafter be known as the "Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) Jamboree Site.

SEC. 2. The exclusive jurisdiction, administration and complete control of the said parcel of land are hereby vested in the Boy Scouts of the Philippines: *Provided*, that the said parcel of land shall be used exclusively by the BSP for the furtherance of the scouting movement: *Provided, further*, that any come from the use of the said land shall be used exclusively for the development of the land and other purposes in the furtherance of the scouting movement: *Provided, finally*, that the BSP shall undertake all efforts to preserve and conserve the existing forest, its flora and fauna and other natural resources therein, including the development of the watershed areas, in coordination with the University of the Philippines — Los Banos (LJPLB), the National Power Corporation (NPC), and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

SEC. 3. The BSP shall not transfer, convey, cede, or otherwise sell the said parcel of land without the consent of the Congress of the Philippines.

SEC. 4. The UPLB, the NPC, the DENR and the BSP shall, within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, jointly promulgate the implementing Rules and Regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. Separability - If for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause — All laws, decrees, rules and regulations, or portions thereof, inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,