



**Republic of the Philippines**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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House Bill No. **5789**

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Introduced by **HONORABLE ALBERT RAYMOND S. GARCIA**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

It is imperative that the government intensifies, strengthens and accelerates economic and industrial development by embarking on all energy and energy-allied activities and energy-related infrastructure projects and such other business activities that would encourage active private sector participation and investment;

Presidential Decree No. 949 has vested the administration and ownership in favor of the Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC) of that parcel of land of the public Domain located at Lamao, Limay, Bataan which was reserved for industrial estate purposes, specifically the development, operation and management of a petrochemical industrial zone;

In order that PNOC could effectively and efficiently contribute to the attainment of economic and industrial development in the country, there is a need to broaden and maximize the use of the parcel of land at Lamao, Limay, Bataan, to include not only activities belonging to petrochemical and related industries but also to all energy and energy-allied activities and energy-related infrastructure projects as well as to such other business activities that would promote its best economic use, as determined by PNOC, and would establish the same as an integrated investment hub in the region.

In view of the foregoing reasons, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 949, ENTITLED**  
**"VESTING THE ADMINISTRATION IN FAVOR OF THE PHILIPPINE**  
**NATIONAL OIL COMPANY OF THAT PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC**  
**DOMAIN LOCATED AT LAMAO, LIMAY, BATAAN WHICH WAS RESERVED**  
**FOR INDUSTRIAL ESTATE PURPOSES PURSUANT TO PROCLAMATION**  
**NO. 361 DATED MARCH 6, 1968 AS AMENDED BY PROCLAMATION NO.**  
**630 DATED NOVEMBER 29, 1969 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

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

**SECTION 1.** SECTION 1 of PD 949 is hereby amended to read:

"SECTION 1. ASSIGNMENT OF DUTY.- The administration, management, and ownership of that parcel of land of the public domain located at Lamao, Limay, Bataan which is reserved for industrial estate purposes and more particularly described in Presidential Proclamation No. 361 dated March 6, 1968 as amended by Proclamation No. 630 dated November 29, 1969, subject to private rights, if any, which shall be the subject of expropriation, is hereby transferred to the Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC) in full and absolute ownership for the nominal sum of One Peso; *Provided that*, ALL LOCATORS, LESSEES AND SUB-LESSEES, now operating therein shall be allowed to continue with its usual business operations, transactions and activities as authorized by law subject to such rules and regulations as PNOC may prescribe. x x x."

**SECTION 2.** SECTION 2 of P. D. 949 is hereby amended to read:

"SECTION 2. PURPOSE OF LAND USE.- The Philippine National Oil Company shall manage, operate and develop the said parcel of land as AN [a petrochemical] INDUSTRIAL ZONE and will establish, develop and operate or cause the establishment, development and operation thereof of petrochemical and related industries, AS WELL AS OF BUSINESSES

ENGAGED IN ENERGY AND ENERGY-ALLIED ACTIVITIES OR ENERGY-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, OR OF SUCH OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES THAT WILL PROMOTE ITS BEST ECONOMIC USE, AS DETERMINED BY PNOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, by itself or its subsidiaries or by any other entity or person it may deem competent alone or in joint venture; *Provided, that*, where any petrochemical industry OR ENERGY OR ENERGY-RELATED INDUSTRY OR ANY SUCH OTHER BUSINESS as determined by PNOC is operated by private entities or persons, whether or not in joint venture with the Philippine National Oil Company or its subsidiaries, the Philippine National Oil Company may lease, sell and/or convey such portions of the [petrochemical] INDUSTRIAL ZONE to such private entities or persons.

**SECTION 3.** SECTION 3 is amended to read:

“SECTION 3 . AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE RULES.- The Philippine National Oil Company shall prescribe such rules and regulations as shall be necessary in the establishment, management, operation and development of the [petrochemical] INDUSTRIAL ZONE.

**SECTION 4.** A new SECTION 4 is hereby inserted to read:

SECTION 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.- SHOULD ANY SECTION OR PROVISION OF THIS ACT BE HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR INVALID, SUCH DECLARATION SHALL NOT INVALIDATE OTHER PROVISIONS HEREOF.

**SECTION 5.** SECTION 4 is numerically adjusted as SECTION 5:

“SECTION [4] 5. REPEALING CLAUSE.- All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 6.** SECTION 5 of P.D. 949 is numerically adjusted as SECTION 6 and amended to read:

SECTION [5] 6. EFFECTIVITY.- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,