

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2141



Introduced by HON. FLORENCIO C. GARAY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

We are all dependent upon forests and for our basic needs. Forests provide a steady supply of food and water, medicines and shelter for our wildlife. They help minimize the impact of flood and prevent erosion and sedimentation. They are also a source of income for the community.

However, since the 1930s, two-thirds of our Philippine forests have vanished, and with it the variety of animal and plant species that considered the forests their home. This holds true in the rainforests of the Second District of Surigao del Sur, and unless the remaining natural forests are protected and the denuded forests rehabilitated, there would be no trees left for our future generations to enjoy.

Consistent with the policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature, this bill seeks to provide for the reforestation and rehabilitation of Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Seven (35,367) hectares of timberland in the Municipality of Lingig, Province of Surigao del Sur, to help maintain the ecological balance and promote the sustainable development of our forest resources.

In view of its national and local importance, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE REFORESTATION AND REHABILITATION OF
THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN (35,367)
HECTARES OF TIMBERLAND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINGIG,
PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR

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

SECTION 1. The timberland area in the Municipality of Lingig, Province of Surigao del Sur, covering an area of Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Seven (35,367) hectares, shall be reforested and rehabilitated under the supervision of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) through the Provincial/Community Environment and Natural Resources (PENRO/CENRO).

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the DENR under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the maintenance, protection and preservation of the area shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take upon its approval.

Approved,