

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Manila

Sixteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2293



Introduced By Honorable Isidro S. Rodriguez, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to repeal Presidential Decree No. 1845, as amended by PD 1848, as said Decree has lost its purpose. This Decree was promulgated to protect and secure the safe and uninterrupted operation of the Earth Station of the Philippine Communications Satellite Corporation (PHILCOMSAT) at Sitio San Miguel, Pinugay, Baras, Rizal, from saboteurs or criminal elements in causing damage to this vital telecommunications facility.

This Earth Station, however, as certified by the National Telecommunications Commission, has been closed and unoperational since November 2010.

The Decree sought to be nullified has declared three (3) kilometers radius of the surrounding area of the Earth Station of PHILCOMSAT as security zone, consequently, has in effect mandated all occupants of the land within the security zone who do not own the land they are occupying or occupants who are not bonafide tenants of the registered owners, shall vacate the areas they are occupying within the sixty (60) days from the date of the Decree.

The owners of land within the security zone and/or their agents can occupy or continue to occupy their respective areas therein only with the prior written permission of the Minister of National Defense.

Relative to the operation and effectivity of said Decree, the Municipality of Tanay, Province of Rizal, through its Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 2011-49A, has requested the Office of the President for the nullification of the same. In reply to said request, the Office of the President, through Executive Secretary Paquito N. Ochoa, Jr., has referred said request to Congress for appropriate action.

With this proposed measure, the land owners, occupants of land and tenants of registered owners, within the 3 kilometers security radius of the surrounding area of the Earth Station of PHILCOMSAT could now freely enter and cultivate their land within the said security zone.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


ISIDRO S. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

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AN ACT

**REPEALING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1845, AS AMENDED,
ENTITLED, "DECLARING THE AREA WITHIN A RADIUS OF THREE (3)
KILOMETERS SURROUNDING THE SATELLITE EARTH STATION IN
BARAS, RIZAL, A SECURITY ZONE**

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

SECTION 1. Presidential Decree No. 1845 as amended "Declaring the area within a radius of three (3) kilometers surrounding the satellite earth station in Baras, Rizal", a security zone, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the National Defense and Chairman of the National Telecommunications Commission in coordination with the affected sectors, shall issue the implementing rules and regulations within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 3. All other laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.