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HOUSE BILL NO. 2410

Introduced by:
Reps. Francisco T. Matugas and Guillermo A. Romarate, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill declares three parcels of land of the public domain located in Surigao City, Province of Surigao del Norte, as agricultural land. The areas are currently classified as timberland, but actual land use is residential, industrial, and commercial by the thousand of landless residents of Surigao City. Proof that the residents have been in the area for decades is the presence of permanent houses and well-paved roads provided by the local government in response to the clamor for basic services. Thus this measure intends to provide security of tenure by way of land patents to the actual residents.

This version of the bill was approved in the 13th and 14th Congress of the House of Representatives and was transmitted to the Senate. It was re-filed *in toto* during the 15th Congress and was approved by both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Unfortunately, this was vetoed by the President due to questions raised by the Department of Natural Resources on the accuracy of its technical descriptions.

Therefore, it is being submitted in the present Congress subject to correct technical descriptions through thorough consultations with concerned agencies of the government and stakeholders.

For these reasons, passage of this bill is urgently sought.

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**AN ACT DECLARING AS AGRICULTURAL LAND CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND OF
THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED WITHIN THE CITY OF SURIGAO, PROVINCE OF
SURIGAO DEL NORTE**

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

1 SECTION 1. Certain parcels of land of the public domain located
2 within the territory of Surigao City, Province of Surigao del Norte, consisting of
3 about six hundred forty-nine and 3466/10,000 (649.3466) hectares, under
4 cadastral survey Cad. 234, portions of Block B and Block C classified as
5 timberland per project No. 14 of L.C. Map No. 689, are hereby declared
6 agricultural lands. The said parcels of land are more particularly identified
7 and described as follows, to wit:

8 Block-1, The parcel of land situated in barangays Taft, Canlanipa and
9 Cagniog, all of Surigao City, Province of Surigao del Norte.

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11 Bounded on the Northeast:

12 along line	1-2	by lot No. 490,
13 along line	2-3	by lot No. 491,
14 along line	3-4	by lot No. 497 and lot No. 3194,
15 along line	4-5	by lot No. 510,

1	along line	5-6	by lot No. 511 and lot No. 512,
2	along line	6-7	by lot No. 482 and lot No. 514,
3	along line	7-8	by lot Nos. 515, 516, 517 and 518,
4	along line	8-9	by lot No. 519, lot No. 520 and P. Reyes St.,
5	along line	9-10	by lot Nos. 704, 1014 and 1015,
6	along line	10-11	by lot Nos. 628 and 740,
7	along line	11-12	by Bilang-Bilang Road Borromeo St. Ext.,
8			
9	Bounded on the East:		
10	along lines	12-13-14-	
11		15-16-17-	
12		18-19-20-	
13		21-22-23-	
14		24-25-26-	
15		27-28-29-30	by the sea of Hinatuan Passage,
16	along line	31-32	by lot No. 2745,
17	Bounded on the Southeast:		
18	along line	31-32	by lot No. 2746,
19	along line	32-33	by lot No. 2740
20	Bounded on the South:		
21	along line	33-34	by lot No. 802,
22	along line	34-35	by lot Nos. 2742, 2743 and 2744,
23	along lines	35-36-37	by lot No. 2743 and 7129,
24	along line	37-38	by lot No. 736 and 737,
25	along lines	38-39-40-41	by lot Nos. 738, 739 and 742,
26	along lines	41-42-43-44	by lot Nos. 743, 744, 745 and 749,
27	along line	44-45	by lot Nos. 729, 750 and 751,
28	along line	45-46	by lot Nos. 2705 and 728,
29	along line	46-47	by lot No. 726,
30	along line	47-48	by lot No. 725
31	Bounded on the West:		
32	along line	48-49	by lot No. 753,

1	along lines	49-50-51-	
2		52-53-54-	
3		55-56-57-	
4		58-59-60-	
5		61-62-63-	
6		64-65-66	by lot No. 796,
7	along lines	66-67-68-69	by lot No. 7089,
8	along lines	69-70-71-	
9		72-73-74	by lot No. 488, and
10	Bounded on the Northwest:		
11	along lines	74-75-76-	
12		77-78-79-80-1	by lot No. 310, all of Cad. 234,
13			Surigao Cadastre,
14	Beginning at a point marked "1" on the plan being S.37°40'15"E.,		
15	571.47m. from BLLM No. CAD. 234, Surigao Cadastre, thence:		
16	S. 61° 56' E.,	70.10 m.	to point 2;
17	S. 39° 41' E.,	84.63 m.	to point 3;
18	S. 32° 56' E.,	229.26 m.	to point 4;
19	S. 89° 05' E.,	54.68 m.	to point 5;
20	S. 38° 27' E.,	118.58 m.	to point 6;
21	S. 87° 11' E.,	35.03 m.	to point 7;
22	S. 35° 55' E.,	51.89 m.	to point 8;
23	S. 00° 13' E.,	68.41 m.	to point 9;
24	S. 4° 35' W.,	52.35 m.	to point 10;
25	S. 28° 43' W.,	102.53 m.	to point 11;
26	S. 53° 28' W.,	180.51 m.	to point 12;
27	S. 22° 31' W.,	190.00 m.	to point 13;
28	S. 66° 30' W.,	96.36 m.	to point 14;
29	N. 22° 31' E.,	190.00 m.	to point 15;
30	S. 00° 56' E.,	329.49 m.	to point 16;
31	S. 55° 29' E.,	140.39 m.	to point 17;
32	S. 82° 17' E.,	193.75 m.	to point 18;

1	S. 79° 46' E.,	120.10 m.	to point 19;
2	S. 06° 12' E.,	109.32 m.	to point 20;
3	S. 21° 06' W.,	150.05 m.	to point 21;
4	S. 33° 19' W.,	167.52 m.	to point 22;
5	S. 40° 32' E.,	213.14 m.	to point 23;
6	N. 58° 45' E.,	84.02 m.	to point 24;
7	S. 87° 17' E.,	132.59 m.	to point 25;
8	S. 82° 28' E.,	103.25 m.	to point 26;
9	S. 60° 45' E.,	64.91 m.	to point 27;
10	S. 39° 28' E.,	202.97 m.	to point 28;
11	S. 21° 02' W.,	251.35 m.	to point 29;
12	S. 47° 14' E.,	380.33 m.	to point 30;
13	S. 69° 51' E.,	88.12 m.	to point 31;
14	S. 52° 19' W.,	228.46 m.	to point 32;
15	S. 63° 05' W.,	130.32 m.	to point 33;
16	N. 55° 37' W.,	220.14 m.	to point 34;
17	N. 48° 34' E.,	195.38 m.	to point 35;
18	N. 20° 29' W.,	172.84 m.	to point 36;
19	N. 41° 45' W.,	312.93 m.	to point 37;
20	N. 06° 17' E.,	106.27 m.	to point 38;
21	N. 33° 17' E.,	86.40 m.	to point 39;
22	N. 20° 34' W.,	50.21 m.	to point 40;
23	N. 87° 17' E.,	132.03 m.	to point 41;
24	S. 59° 49' W.,	91.94 m.	to point 42;
25	S. 56° 29' W.,	152.19 m.	to point 43;
26	S. 28° 39' W.,	118.40 m.	to point 44;
27	N. 87° 15' W.,	236.19 m.	to point 45;
28	S. 58° 16' W.,	167.14 m.	to point 46;
29	N. 69° 08' W.,	141.07 m.	to point 47;
30	N. 74° 36' W.,	124.04 m.	to point 48;
31	N. 5° 18' E.,	309.54 m.	to point 49;
32	S. 60° 42' E.,	314.66 m.	to point 50;

1	N. 78° 32' E.,	127.87 m.	to point 51;
2	N. 43° 08' E.,	237.48 m.	to point 52;
3	N. 2° 12' W.,	39.03 m.	to point 53;
4	S. 82° 00' W.,	209.64 m.	to point 54;
5	N. 31° 22' W.,	187.86 m.	to point 55;
6	N. 40° 34' E.,	129.93 m.	to point 56;
7	N. 45° 02' W.,	99.21 m.	to point 57;
8	N. 21° 39' W.,	105.98 m.	to point 58;
9	N. 81° 29' W.,	176.14 m.	to point 59;
10	N. 24° 14' W.,	99.14 m.	to point 60;
11	N. 45° 20' E.,	117.52 m.	to point 61;
12	N. 09° 40' W.,	101.31 m.	to point 62;
13	N. 75° 43' W.,	139.82 m.	to point 63;
14	S. 89° 06' W.,	169.21 m.	to point 64;
15	S. 75° 13' W.,	124.63 m.	to point 65;
16	S. 82° 46' W.,	191.32 m.	to point 66;
17	N. 42° 59' W.,	59.14 m.	to point 67;
18	N. 06° 06' W.,	94.98 m.	to point 68;
19	N. 61° 43' E.,	443.09 m.	to point 69;
20	N. 36° 41' E.,	171.91 m.	to point 70;
21	N. 61° 19' E.,	52.82 m.	to point 71;
22	N. 00° 21' E.,	192.26 m.	to point 72;
23	N. 83° 21' W.,	164.36 m.	to point 73;
24	S. 39° 41' W.,	221.18 m.	to point 74;
25	N. 20° 35' E.,	146.73 m.	to point 75;
26	N. 37° 26' E.,	119.76 m.	to point 76;
27	N. 83° 34' E.,	41.06 m.	to point 77;
28	N. 49° 13' E.,	46.08 m.	to point 78;
29	N. 34° 20' E.,	69.16 m.	to point 79;
30	N. 61° 26' E.,	125.47 m.	to point 80;
31	N. 26° 03' E.,	24.66 m.	to point of beginning, containing an
32	area of one hundred two and 5068/10,000 (102.5068) hectares, more or less.		

Block-II, The parcel of land situated in barangays San Juan and Washington, all of Surigao City, Province of Surigao del Norte:

Bounded on the North

along lines	26-27-1	by lot No. 669,
along line	1-2	by lot No. 262 and Surigao River,
along line	2-3	by Vasques Street,
along line	3-4	by lot Nos. 454, 478 and 484,
along lines	4-5-6-7	by lot No. 476 and lot No. 478,
along line	7-8	by lot No. 476 and lot No. 478,
along lines	8-9-10	by Rizal St. and lot No. 474,
along lines	10-11-12-13-14	by Surigao River,
along lines	14-15-16-17-18-19	by lot No. 667,
along lines	19-20-21-22-23-24	by lot No. 666,
along lines	24-25-26	by lot No. 664, all of CAD. 234,

Surigao Cadastre.

Beginning at a point marked "1" on the plan being S.80°40'W., 287.89 m. from BLLM No. 1 CAD. 234, Surigao Cadastre, thence:

S. 38° 18' E.,	192.09 m.	to point 2;
S. 11° 04' W.,	275.21 m.	to point 3;
S. 04° 11' E.,	315.65 m.	to point 4;
S. 01° 33' W.,	55.46 m.	to point 5;
S. 66° 10' W.,	61.00 m.	to point 6;
N. 74° 24' W.,	86.28 m.	to point 7;
S. 62° 22' W.,	149.16 m.	to point 8;
S. 61° 07' W.,	342.13 m.	to point 9;
N. 78° 04' W.,	288.25 m.	to point 10;
N. 16° 56' E.,	225.64 m.	to point 11;
N. 87° 00' E.,	39.99 m.	to point 12;
N. 38° 00' E.,	40.00 m.	to point 13;
N. 11° 43' E.,	40.98 m.	to point 14;
N. 19° 14' W.,	79.06 m.	to point 15;
N. 20° 00' W.,	170.00 m.	to point 16;

1	N. 21° 00' W.,	30.00 m.	to point 17;
2	N. 46° 20' W.,	66.17 m.	to point 18;
3	N. 29° 24' W.,	104.01 m.	to point 19;
4	N. 40° 24' W.,	111.84 m.	to point 20;
5	S. 54° 32' W.,	60.25 m.	to point 21;
6	N. 35° 03' W.,	142.65 m.	to point 22;
7	N. 69° 29' W.,	47.00 m.	to point 23;
8	N. 71° 50' E.,	93.39 m.	to point 24;
9	N. 38° 55' E.,	202.47 m.	to point 25;
10	N. 22° 39' E.,	48.95 m.	to point 26;
11	S. 73° 06' E.,	773.37 m.	to point 27;
12	S. 61° 53' E.,	105.40 m.	to point of beginning, containing an
13	area of eighty-two and 1575/10,000 (82.1575) hectares, more or less.		

14 Block-III. The parcel of land situated in barangays San Juan, Sabang
15 and Rizal, City of Surigao, Province of Surigao del Norte:

16 Bounded on the North:

17	along lines	61-62-63	by the sea of Surigao Strait,
18	along lines	63-64-65-66-67-	
19		68-69-70-71-72-	
20		73-74-75-76-77-78	by Banahaw River,
21	along line	78-79	by lot No. 1208,
22	along line	79-80	by lot No. 1209, 1210 and 1211
23	along lines	80-81-82	by lot No. 7218,
24	along lines	82-1-2-3-4	by lot Nos. 631, 632 and 636,
25	along line	4-5	by Surigao River,
26	along lines	5-6-7-8-9	by lot Nos. 656 and 658,
27	along lines	9-10-11	by lot No. 661 and 663,

28 Bounded on the East:

29	along lines	11-12-13-14-15	by a creek,
30	along lines	15-16-17-18-19	by lot No. 666,
31	along lines	19-20-21-22	by lot No. 630 and lot No. 653,

32 Bounded on the South:

1	along lines	22-23-24-25-	
2		26-27-28	by lot No. 653,
3	along line	28-29	by Surigao River and lot No. 630,
4	along line	29-30	by lot Nos. 630 and 640,
5	along lines	30-31-32	by lot Nos. 642, 647 and 646,
6	along lines	32-33-34-35	by lot Nos. 645, 1439, 1432 and
7			1444,
8	along lines	35-36-37	by lot No. 1432,
9	along line	37-38	by lot Nos. 1430, 1475, 1476, 156
10			and 3073,
11	along line	38-39	by lot Nos. 1429 and 1476,
12	along lines	39-40-41	by lot No. 1425 and lot No. 1426,
13	along lines	41-42-43	by lot No. 1420,
14	along lines	43-44-45	by lot Nos. 1421 and 1412,
15	along lines	45-46-47	by lot Nos. 1411 and 1408,
16	along lines	47-48-49-50	by lot No. 1409 and 1403
17	Bounded on the West:		
18	along lines	50-51-52-53	by lot No. 1226,
19	along lines	53-54-55	by lot No. 1203,
20	along line	55-56	by lot Nos. 1202 and 1204,
21	along lines	56-57-58	by lot Nos. 1206 and 1177,
22	along lines	58-59-60-61	by lot Nos. 1176 and 1175, all of
23			CAD. 234, Surigao Cadastre.
24	Beginning at a point marked "1" on the plan being N.74°28'26"W.,		
25	2862.67 m. from BLLM No. 70, CAD 234, Surigao Cadastre, thence:		
26	S. 58° 58' E.,	346.07 m. to point 2;	
27	S. 71° 32' E.,	224.89 m. to point 3;	
28	S. 25° 19' E.,	162.20 m. to point 4;	
29	S. 43° 45' E.,	136.47 m. to point 5;	
30	S. 59° 31' E.,	197.34 m. to point 6;	
31	S. 88° 56' E.,	182.32 m. to point 7;	
32	N. 53° 20' E.,	220.63 m. to point 8;	

1	N. 60° 12' E.,	164.24 m. to point 9;
2	S. 60° 21' E.,	204.31 m. to point 10;
3	S. 51° 09' E.,	237.65 m. to point 11;
4	S. 25° 04' E.,	83. 65 m. to point 12;
5	S. 30° 43' W.,	121.81 m. to point 13;
6	N. 52° 07' W.,	37.36 m. to point 14;
7	S. 71° 50' W.,	93.39 m. to point 15;
8	N. 28° 29' W.,	96.59 m. to point 16;
9	N. 63° 17' W.,	185.29 m. to point 17;
10	N. 75° 20' W.,	201.01 m. to point 18;
11	S. 20° 05' E.,	142.84 m. to point 19;
12	S. 01° 56' W.,	259.46 m. to point 20;
13	S. 07° 29' W.,	275.52 m. to point 21;
14	S. 02° 52' E.,	221.22 m. to point 22;
15	N. 54° 54' W.,	165.19 m. to point 23;
16	N. 66° 51' W.,	152.48 m. to point 24;
17	S. 26° 10' W.,	128.39 m. to point 25;
18	S. 37° 27' W.,	124.69 m. to point 26;
19	N. 89° 00' W.,	114.56 m. to point 27;
20	N. 44° 54' W.,	142.54 m. to point 28;
21	N. 77° 09' W.,	153.25 m. to point 29;
22	S. 14° 13' W.,	177.42 m. to point 30;
23	S. 39° 48' W.,	120.49 m. to point 31;
24	S. 05° 03' E.,	169.76 m. to point 32;
25	S. 20° 07' W.,	160.43 m. to point 33;
26	S. 19° 55' E.,	132.70 m. to point 34;
27	S. 47° 04' W.,	188.35 m. to point 35;
28	N. 51° 00' W.,	225.31 m. to point 36;
29	N. 07° 13' W.,	201.00 m. to point 37;
30	N. 76° 38' W.,	261.84 m. to point 38;
31	N. 67° 19' W.,	210.13 m. to point 39;
32	N. 33° 56' W.,	169.98 m. to point 40;

1	N. 48° 25' W.,	124.83 m. to point 41;
2	N. 26° 28' E.,	152.70 m. to point 42;
3	N. 26° 53' W.,	187.36 m. to point 43;
4	S. 44° 55' W.,	309.85 m. to point 44;
5	N. 13° 49' W.,	176.03 m. to point 45;
6	S. 69° 29' W.,	132.78 m. to point 46;
7	S. 57° 11' W.,	223.25 m. to point 47;
8	N. 34° 50' W.,	159.41 m. to point 48;
9	N. 11° 28' W.,	189.16 m. to point 49;
10	S. 78° 13' W.,	257.70 m. to point 50;
11	N. 49° 43' W.,	382.27 m. to point 51;
12	N. 26° 40' W.,	242.65 m. to point 52;
13	N. 08° 14' E.,	270.79 m. to point 53;
14	N. 35° 21' E.,	197.63 m. to point 54;
15	N. 52° 24' E.,	488.35 m. to point 55;
16	N. 79° 45' E.,	135.57 m. to point 56;
17	N. 49° 10' E.,	174.39 m. to point 57;
18	N. 35° 23' E.,	308.65 m. to point 58;
19	N. 42° 24' E.,	79.50 m. to point 59;
20	N. 22° 53' E.,	98.31 m. to point 60;
21	N. 01° 38' E.,	85.37 m. to point 61;
22	S. 66° 26' E.,	93.59 m. to point 62;
23	S. 20° 38' E.,	242.80 m. to point 63;
24	S. 35° 43' W.,	94.66 m. to point 64;
25	S. 41° 26' W.,	341.48 m. to point 65;
26	S. 13° 46' W.,	100.90 m. to point 66;
27	S. 22° 18' W.,	168.62 m. to point 67;
28	S. 44° 40' W.,	239.01 m. to point 68;
29	S. 24° 52' E.,	180.75 m. to point 69;
30	S. 00° 56' W.,	122.02 m. to point 70;
31	S. 21° 59' W.,	112.16 m. to point 71;
32	N. 83° 03' E.,	82.61 m. to point 72;

1 S. 72° 07' E., 65.15 m. to point 73;
 2 N. 06° 23' E., 251.56 m. to point 74;
 3 N. 27° 24' W., 121.66 m. to point 75;
 4 N. 39° 38' E., 166.19 m. to point 76;
 5 N. 22° 28' E., 287.85 m. to point 77;
 6 N. 35° 03' E., 333.50 m. to point 78;
 7 N. 71° 06' E., 132.47 m. to point 79;
 8 S. 67° 46' E., 166.82 m. to point 80;
 9 S. 66° 04' E., 242.94 m. to point 81;
 10 S. 74° 48' E., 252.90 m. to point 82;
 11 S. 65° 23' E., 224.85 m. to the point of beginning, containing an
 12 area of four hundred sixty-four and 6823/10,000 (464.6823) hectares, more or
 13 less.

14 SEC. 2. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
 15 shall alienate the said parcels of land in accordance with the provisions of
 16 Commonwealth Act No. 141 or the Public Land Act, as amended; Republic
 17 Act No. 730, Sale Without Public Auction of Public Lands to Qualified
 18 Applicants under Certain Conditions; and other public land laws: *Provided*,
 19 That twenty-meter strips of land on both sides along rivers and creeks, for
 20 stream bank protection, shall be retained as timberland and shall be planted
 21 with trees by the DENR and the City Government of Surigao.

22 SEC. 3. The Secretary of the DENR shall issue the necessary rules and
 23 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

24 SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other
 25 issuances, or any part thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or
 26 amended accordingly.

27 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
 28 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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30 Approved,