

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS)
OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
House Bill No. **3457**

Introduced by Representative Ben P. Evardone
Lone District, Eastern Samar

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Land ownership in the Philippines and elsewhere has invariably been a determinant of one's economic profile, his social creditability. For the banking industry, easier access to personal borrowings is afforded a person who owns land. Those with housing loan packages, government owned or otherwise, prefer lending to land owners. This, for at least two underlying reasons: First, unless by some *extra*-human intervention, land is one asset that cannot be physically concealed. Second, land ownership, insofar as our civil laws is concerned, carries a bundle of economic rights, such as the right to enjoy the land and its fruits, the right to exclude others from such enjoyment, and the right to dispose of the land for a valuable consideration, among others. These rights, if actually utilized, could very well bring about the constitutional vision of an "improved quality of life for all".

The 1987 Constitution, recognizing the value of land ownership, has mandated the distribution of lands, especially to poor landless tenants, as a measure of social justice. Also, it expressly authorizes the conversion of timber or forest land into alienable and disposable land.

This bill seeks the conversion into alienable and disposable land a portion of timberland within the Municipality of Oras in the Province of Eastern Samar, particularly in Barangays Factoria, Saugan, Dalid, Bagacay, Dao, Japay, Bantayan, Mabuhay, Burak, Bato, Kalaw, Aksam, Tawagan (Poblacion), Binalayan, Naga-Naga and Trinidad (Maycorot).

Indeed, economic growth and development for the hundreds of families living within the areas specified in this proposed measure will be hastened once this bill is admitted into our legal system.

Hence, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

CLASSIFYING A PORTION OF TIMBERLAND LOCATED IN BARANGAYS FACTORIA, SAUGAN, DALID, BAGACAY, DAO, JAPAY, BANTAYAN, MABUHAY, BURAK, TAWAGAN (POBLACION), BINALAYAN, BATO, KALAW, AGSAM, NAGA-NAGA, AND TRINIDAD (MAYCOROT), IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORAS, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The parcels of land comprising around Three Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-
2 two and one-fourth hectares (3,792.24 has.) situated in Barangays Factoria, Saugan, Dalid, Bagacay,
3 Dao, Japay, Bantayan, Mabuhay, Burak, Tawagan (Poblacion), Binalayan, Bato, Kalaw, Agsam,
4 Naga-Naga, and Trinidad (Maycorot), in the Municipality of Oras, Province of Eastern Samar, is
5 hereby converted from timberland to alienable and disposable land. Said parcel of land is particularly
6 described as follows:

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STATION	BEARING	DISTANCE	EASTING	NORTHING
TP1 (BLLM#1)	S04-30W	615	547,850.420	1,342,737.560
1-2	S 55 22 54 W	628.74	548,076.499	1,342,101.526
2-3	S 21 33 06 W	655.18	547,557.378	1,341,741.912
3-4	S 09 36 38 E	1,625.63	547,305.675	1,341,141.107
4-5	S 33 36 33 E	1,008.38	547,560.297	1,339,542.073
5-6	S 55 40 11 E	1,016.97	548,108.816	1,338,696.369
6-7	S 79 00 26 E	725.10	548,946.215	1,338,116.341
7-8	N 81 24 58 E	548.95	549,652.947	1,337,977.249
8-9	N 15 38 32 E	132.94	550,209.509	1,338,059.000
9-10	N 72 46 35 E	536.12	550,247.954	1,338,188.192
10-11	N 39 22 09 E	1,033.34	550,752.706	1,338,350.550
11-12	S 60 33 16 E	1,458.34	551,417.452	1,339,143.845
12-13	S 05 17 49 E	776.56	552,671.098	1,338,431.707
13-14	N 48 17 21 W	631.09	552,751.119	1,337,658.199
14-15	N 79 38 48 W	541.38	552,279.218	1,338,083.331

15-16	S 07 19 35 W	361.41	551,743.702	1,338,178.813
16-17	N 65 29 33 W	765.38	551,701.867	1,337,826.003
17-18	S 10 34 24 W	781.39	550,997.976	1,338,145.065
18-19	N 57 31 43 W	534.14	550,835.465	1,337,387.696
19-20	S 59 49 35 W	509.41	550,392.927	1,337,678.680
20-21	S 39 34 40 W	435.72	549,959.435	1,337,420.291
21-22	S 32 20 50 W	363.69	549,734.326	1,337,042.666
22-23	S 59 49 35 E	254.71	549,535.845	1,336,730.233
23-24	N 83 27 13 E	314.42	549,744.134	1,336,597.916
24-25	N 63 55 28 E	267.95	550,045.222	1,336,634.946
25-26	S 84 27 40 E	848.90	550,268.408	1,336,751.010
26-27	S 30 43 08 E	411.01	551,130.873	1,336,653.130
27-28	N 86 45 26 W	4,662.27	551,337.527	1,336,298.493
28-29	N 01.10 E	810.00	546,688.560	1,336,618.500
29-30	N 76.45 W	870.00	546,705.050	1,337,428.330
30-31	N 07.55 W	660.00	545,858.210	1,337,627.730
31-32	N 33.10 W	3,010.00	545,767.310	1,338,281.440
32-33	S 68.00 W	1,112.00	544,120.610	1,340,801.060
33-34	N 60.00 W	1,210.00	543,089.580	1,340,384.500
34-35	N 22.00 W	1,360.00	542,041.690	1,340,989.500
35-36	N 11.30 E	980.00	541,532.230	1,342,250.470
36-37	N 74.20 W	970.00	541,727.610	1,343,472.740
37-38	N 30.45 W	1,170.00	540,793.650	1,344,478.250
38-39	N 63.20 E	930.00	540,195.440	1,344,895.630
39-40	N 88 18 03 E	604.52	541,023.111	1,345,390.754
40-41	N 39 15 21 E	615.03	541,644.461	1,345,402.515
41-42	N 64 47 55 E	384.84	542,040.324	1,345,873.703
42-43	S 51 20 24 E	295.10	542,384.844	1,346,034.654
43-44	S 15 31 26 W	478.32	542,478.092	1,345,853.131
44-45	S 67 39 33 E	808.31	542,612.382	1,345,380.000
45-46	S 18 52 08 E	427.52	543,227.815	1,345,063.826
46-47	N 56 20 49 E	1,095.02	543,371.923	1,344,654.042
47-48	S 62 38 36 E	1,326.09	544,275.413	1,345,235.925
48-49	S 21 06 41 E	1,421.71	545,447.990	1,344,622.364
49-50	S 14 35 28 E	833.41	545,944.996	1,343,294.446
50-51	S 70 05 00 E	751.62	546,151.608	1,342,491.837
51-1	S 84 32 54 E	1,239.72	546,852.628	1,342,225.087

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SECTION 2. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect immediately after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,