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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3478



Introduced by Honorable Damian G. Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the certain portions of land in Barangay Combado, Maasin City, Southern Leyte, into alienable and disposable lands.

There are certain areas within the jurisdiction of Barangay Combado which are still classified as timberland but which are being cultivated and made as residence by the people therein. Task Force Combado, which was organized on September 1998 reported that the final survey and inventory conducted on July 2001 disclosed that there are 170 houses established within an area of 16,907.62 square meters. Thus, the Combado Foreshore and Timberland Actual Occupants need their occupied lots converted into alienable and disposable lands. It is in response thereto that this measure is being proposed.

It is well known fact that most of our lands, especially alienable and disposable lands, are already under private claims or ownership, thereby limiting available lands for most of the poor who also deserve a land to call their own.

It is in this context that Barangay Combado has decided to explore the possibility of reclassifying certain portions of its vast timberland into alienable and disposable for the purpose of allocating it to its landless and homeless residents. Instead of allowing the area to grow into a slum colony that may later provide problems in terms of sanitation, peace and order, Barangay Combado has decided to legitimize the occupancy of its landless residents.

The 16,907.62 square meters of land, once reclassified from timberland to alienable and disposable, shall be eligible for titling to the actual occupants who have acquired, cultivated, and made considerable investments to develop it into a productive land. Hence, the private sector shall become active partners of the government in preserving the protected areas in Barangay Combado.

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


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AN ACT
DECLARING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF LAND IN BARANGAY
COMBADO, MAASIN CITY, SOUTHERN LEYTE, AS ALIENABLE
AND DISPOSABLE LANDS

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

SECTION 1. The land comprising Thirty three thousand seven hundred thirty three and forty one (33,733.41) square meters situated in Barangay Combado, Maasin City, Southern Leyte, is hereby classified from timberland to alienable and disposable land, more or less particularly described as follows:

LOT 7099-A

LINES		BEARING	DISTANCES
TP	1	N 86° 18' W	784.59 M
1	2	S 63° 14' E	62.14 M
2	3	S 52° 46' W	0.86 M
3	4	S 73° 43' W	21.7 M
4	5	S 76° 58' W	53.37M
5	6	S 68° 32' W	62.27M
6	7	S 67° 08' W	120.23 M
7	8	S 71° 54' W	108.77 M
8	9	S 71° 25' W	305.91 M
9	10	N 82° 38' W	74.12 M
10	11	N 00° 04' W	11.39 M
11	12	N 86° 56' E	16.00 M
12	13	N 72° 47' E	112.87 M
13	14	N 74° 34' E	44.73 M
14	15	N 67° 16' E	129.05 M
15	16	N 71° 41' E	175.84 M
16	17	N 66° 47' E	44.61 M
17	18	N 72° 08' E	26.43 M
18	19	N 72° 18' E	16.38 M
19	20	N 72° 11' E	11.90 M
20	21	N 71° 54' E	11.78 M

21	22	N 78 ⁰ 48'E	20.09 M
22	23	N 68 ⁰ 02'E	13.95 M
23	24	N 65 ⁰ 35'E	50.82 M
24	1	N 67 ⁰ 56'E	18.96 M

LOT 7099-B

LINES		BEARING	DISTANCES
TP	1	N 86 ⁰ 42 W	720.00Ms
1	2	N 24 ⁰ 04'W	26.04 M
2	3	N 63 ⁰ 06'E	26.14 M
3	4	N 20 ⁰ 52'E	8.59 M
4	5	N 70 ⁰ 57'E	9.31 M
5	6	N 60 ⁰ 08'E	15.20 M
6	7	N 77 ⁰ 26'E	11.63 M
7	8	N 72 ⁰ 40'E	2.32 M
8	9	N 78 ⁰ 57'E	14.87 M
9	10	N 83 ⁰ 51'E	12.14 M
10	11	N 81 ⁰ 24'E	7.83 M
11	12	S 88 ⁰ 22'E	4.22 M
12	13	N 82 ⁰ 52'E	3.55 M
13	14	S 78 ⁰ 58'E	11.19 M
14	15	N 88 ⁰ 28'E	10.88 M
15	16	N 86 ⁰ 10'E	6.44 M
16	17	N 72 ⁰ 31'E	7.65 M
17	18	S 67 ⁰ 23'E	8.32 M
18	19	N 81 ⁰ 26'E	5.84 M
19	20	S 86 ⁰ 59'E	4.57 M
20	21	S 85 ⁰ 40' E	17.21 M
21	22	S 79 ⁰ 45'E	7.47 M
22	23	N 76 ⁰ 54'E	11.87 M
23	24	N 84 ⁰ 18'E	11.28 M
24	25	S 01 ⁰ 40'E	44.00 M
25	26	S 88 ⁰ 37'W	21.02 M
26	27	N 72 ⁰ 39'W	9.82 M
27	28	N 14 ⁰ 47'E	6.08 M
28	29	N 78 ⁰ 28'W	5.93 M
29	30	N 84 ⁰ 45'W	16.91 M
30	31	N 81 ⁰ 07'W	6.73 M
31	32	N 12 ⁰ 24'E	8.87 M
32	33	N 82 ⁰ 37'W	22.58 M
33	34	S 17 ⁰ 43'W	5.83 M
34	35	N 84 ⁰ 31'W	10.40 M
35	36	S 04 ⁰ 58'E	9.21 M
36	37	S 85 ⁰ 50'W	16.26 M
37	38	N 06 ⁰ 30'W	14.59 M
38	39	S 77 ⁰ 45'W	34.04 M
39	40	S 25 ⁰ 49'E	15.17 M
40	41	S 70 ⁰ 20'W	25.48 M
41	1	S 71 ⁰ 33'W	39.13 M

SECTION 2. The land Management Bureau shall cause the subdivision of the lands so identified, and subject to the approval of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, shall determine the areas of each lot, taking into consideration the nature of land, the number or prospective applicants and the purpose for which it shall be utilized.

SECTION 3. The land so subdivided shall be distributed to the residents of Barangay Combado who are members of the Combado Foreshore and Timberland Actual Occupants Association, not otherwise disqualified by and law to own public lands and who do not own any parcel of land in the Philippines nor a beneficiary of any of the agrarian reform land distribution. *Provided, further,* That no person shall be entitled to more than one lot: *Provided, finally,* that members of a family living under one household shall be considered as one person.

SECTION 4. No property acquired by virtue of this Act shall, without the consent of the Land Management Bureau, be sold, transferred, mortgaged, or otherwise disposed or within a period of five (5) years from the date of the issuance of the Certificate of Title. Any such sale or disposition made in violation hereof shall be null and void.

SECTION 5. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent within this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,