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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to reclassify a portion of public land from timberland in seven (7) barangays: Linomon, Papan Este, Papan Weste, Dibuluan, San Sebastian, Sto. Domingo and Dumawing in the Municipality of Jones, Province of Isabela into alienable and disposable land.

This will benefit more than 900 farmers/ occupants/ settlers who for many years have utilized the land for agriculture and their dwelling. These farmers / occupants are participants of Integrated Social Forestry (ISF).

In keeping with a meaningful agrarian reform and stewardship as mandated under Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution , approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
TO RECLASSIFY A PORTION OF PUBLIC DOMAIN FROM TIMBERLAND IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF JONES, PROVINCE OF ISABELA
INTO ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DISTRIBUTING THE SAME TO *BONA FIDE* AND LONG TERM
FARMERS/OCCUPANTS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The portion of timberland located within the jurisdiction of seven (7) barangays: Linomot, Papan Este, Papan Weste, Dibuluan, San Sebastian, Sto. Domingo and Dumawing in the Municipality of Jones, Province of Isabela which is actually tilled and/or occupied by farmers-settlers, is hereby reclassified and declared as alienable and disposable land of the public domain, as follows :

Barangay	Area (ha.)	LC Map No./Project No.	Longitude	Latitude
Linomot	142.0	Proj.No.30-7	121°49'-30 E to 121°50'-30 E	16°28'-30 N to 16°-29'-30 N
Papan Este	120.0	LC Map 1600	121°48 E to 121°50 E	16°30' N to 16°31' N
Papan Weste	118.43	LC Map 1600	121°47' E to 121°48' E	16°30' N to 16°31' N
Dibuluan	150.0	LC Map 1600	121°46'40 E to 121°47' E	16°28' N to 16°31'30' N
San Sebastian	1,260.5	LC Map 2207;Proj.No.1-4 Block B	121°45' E to 121°49' E	16°35' N to 16°36'30' N
Sto. Domingo	440.85	LC Map 2207	121°50' E to 121°52' E	16°27' N to 16°30' N
Dumawing	418.54	LC Map 1600	121°52' E to 121°54' E	16°27' N to 16°30' N

SEC. 2. The aforementioned land shall be distributed in ownership to *bona fide* and long-term farmers/occupants thereon who are participants of the Integrated Social Forestry (ISF).

SEC. 3. The scheme of distribution of the land, including the identities of the *bona fide* and long-term farmers/occupants thereon, shall be prepared by a Committee which shall be composed of the following: a representative of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) as Chairman, a representative of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) as Vice-Chairman, the Mayor of the Municipality of Jones, the Head of the farmers' organization, and the Provincial Director of the Philippine National Police as Members. The scheme of distribution shall include the technical description of each lot pertaining to each of the farmers/occupants, following the boundaries of existing integrated social forestry stewardship and/or similar contracts that may have been awarded in their favour; Provided, That said scheme of distribution shall be as equitable as possible without gross disparities among the awardees.

Conflicts shall be decided by the Committee after due hearing, appealable to the Department Secretary under whose jurisdiction the issue involved falls. The Secretary's decision or order on appeal may be subject of a petition for review by the Office of the President within fifteen (15) days from promulgation of notice of the decision appealed from; Provided, That said petition for review shall be decided within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof; Otherwise, the decision or order appealed from shall be deemed ratified and final.

SEC. 4. Once the scheme of distribution is approved by the Committee, the DENR shall give the technical description, survey maps and similar documents to the DAR, which shall undertake the actual distribution of the land under the principles of agrarian reform and the applicable provisions of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law and other related laws.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,