

**Republic of the Philippines
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4976

Introduced by Representative Nicasio M. Aliping, Jr.

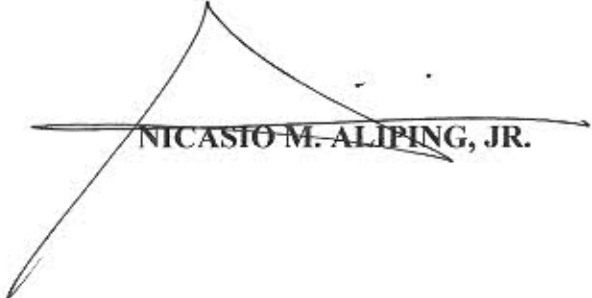
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to exclude a certain portion of land situated in Residence Section "D" covering three (3) hectares of Parcel No. II, Forbes Park Forest Reservation, located in Baguio City, from the operation of Proclamation No. 10, dated 09 February 1924, and to declare the excluded portion as residential land open to disposition under the provisions of Republic Act No. 730.

This portion of land sought to be excluded was the subject of a petition for its classification/release filed by the Baguio-Benguet Mountain Province-Maydatan Group, Inc. (formerly the Baguio-Mountain Province Landless Association, Inc.) on August 9, 1999 with the Commission on the Settlement of Land Problems (COSLAP) under the Department of Justice. The COSLAP resolved and granted the petition in their favor on August 29, 2003.

Since then, this landless group composed of 61 member-families continued to pursue the segregation of the portion of land for residential purposes through the issuance of a Presidential Proclamation and through legislative action.

Hence, this bill for which approval is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
EXCLUDING A CERTAIN PORTION OF PARCEL NO. II, FORBES
PARK RESERVATION, LOCATED IN BAGUIO CITY, FROM THE
OPERATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 10, DATED 09 FEBRUARY
1924, AND DECLARING THE EXCLUDED PORTION AS
RESIDENTIAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION UNDER THE
PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 730, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO PERMIT THE SALE
WITHOUT PUBLIC AUCTION OF PUBLIC LANDS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES
TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS"

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

SECTION. 1. *Declaration of Policy.* — It is hereby declared the policy of the State to provide land at affordable cost and equal access to decent housing and other basic services to underprivileged and homeless citizens.

SEC. 2. *Exclusion and Disposition of Certain Portion of the Forbes Park Forest Reservation.* — A certain portion of land situated in Residence Section "D" covering three (3) hectares of Parcel No. II, Forbes Park Forest Reservation, located in Baguio City, are hereby excluded from the operation of Proclamation No. 10, dated 09 February 1924, and declared as residential land open to disposition under the provisions of Republic Act No. 730, otherwise known as "An Act to Permit the Sale Without Public Auction of Public Lands of the Republic of the Philippines for Residential Purposes to Qualified Applicants Under Certain Conditions".

SEC. 3. *Survey and Disposition.* — The Land Management Service of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, in coordination with the local government of Baguio City, is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a validation, perimeter, and parcellary survey of the disposable land under this Act and to effect their sale to qualified applicants or actual occupants.

SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall promulgate the rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations and issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* — If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,