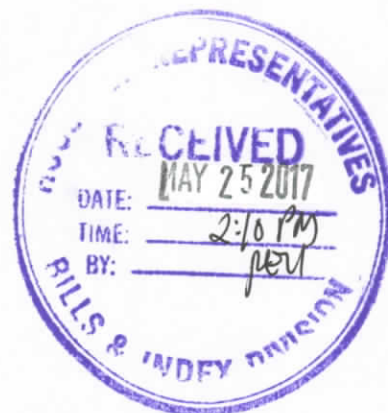




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House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **5733**



Introduced By:
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1ST District, Surigao del Norte (*Siargao Island*)

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 are actually being used for residential, industrial, and commercial purposes by thousands of landless residents of Surigao City. The residents have been in the area for decades. In fact, there are already permanent houses and well-paved roads provided by the local government in response to the residents' clamor for basic services. Thus, this measure intends to provide security of tenure by way of land patents to the actual residents.

This bill was approved in the 16th Congress by the House of Representatives and was transmitted to the Senate on 3 December 2014. It was also approved during the 15th Congress by both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Unfortunately, it was vetoed by the President due to questions raised by the Department of Natural Resources on the accuracy of its technical descriptions. This version, however, already addresses this problem.

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


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11	thence	S 74°10'51"E	96.02	meters to corner 2;
12	thence	S 60°12'9" E	103.79	meters to corner 3;
13	thence	S 57°31'43"E	120.45	meters to corner 4;
14	thence	S 47°17'26"E	54.48	meters to corner 5;
15	thence	S 40°21'22"E	60.55	meters to corner 6;
16	thence	S 31°19'51"W	112.24	meters to corner 7;
17	thence	S 44°30'31"W	42.98	meters to corner 8;
18	thence	S 24°19'27"W	95.80	meters to corner 9;

1	thence	N 85°0'1"W	11.39	meters to corner 10;
2	thence	N 2°56'46"W	36.91	meters to corner 11;
3	thence	N 20°2'46"W	55.96	meters to corner 12;
4	thence	N 65°18'41"W	66.13	meters to corner 13;
5	thence	N 86°6'40"W	64.38	meters to corner 14;
6	thence	S 32°30'26"W	90.72	meters to corner 15;
7	thence	S 17°22'25"W	47.17	meters to corner 16;
8	thence	S 3°52'46"W	32.36	meters to corner 17;
9	thence	N 47°53'48"W	73.77	meters to corner 18;
10	thence	N 72°57'37"W	69.57	meters to corner 19;
11	thence	S 41°6'1"W	64.81	meters to corner 20;
12	thence	S 16°55'11"E	85.27	meters to corner 21;
13	thence	S 8°21'46" E	44.02	meters to corner 22;
14	thence	S 11°2'36"W	18.76	meters to corner 23;
15	thence	S 54°24'47"W	25.83	meters to corner 24;
16	thence	S 83°56'3"W	54.76	meters to corner 25;
17	thence	S 49°21'44"W	46.64	meters to corner 26;
18	thence	S 3°33'54"W	44.73	meters to corner 27;
19	thence	S 25°56'6"W	19.22	meters to corner 28;
20	thence	S 65°27'4"W	24.88	meters to corner 29;
21	thence	N 65°32'4"W	33.67	meters to corner 30;
22	thence	S 67°37'12"W	34.37	meters to corner 31;
23	thence	S 39°41'57"W	64.40	meters to corner 32;
24	thence	S 27°35'50"W	46.41	meters to corner 33;
25	thence	N 84°5"W	27.26	meters to corner 34;
26	thence	N 10°47'3"W	39.97	meters to corner 35;
27	thence	N 6°15'15"W	68.65	meters to corner 36;
28	thence	N 3°3'59"E	52.43	meters to corner 37;
29	thence	N 8°31'51"W	37.81	meters to corner 38;
30	thence	N 82°52'30"W	22.61	meters to corner 39;
31	thence	S 72°28'28"W	37.25	meters to corner 40;
32	thence	S 83°39'35"W	42.33	meters to corner 41;
33	thence	N 71°2'23"W	45.34	meters to corner 42;
34	thence	S 58°23'58"W	78.07	meters to corner 43;
35	thence	S 50°54'22"W	57.82	meters to corner 44;
36	thence	S 51°10'13"W	49.20	meters to corner 45;
37	thence	N 74°21'28"W	24.27	meters to corner 46;
38	thence	N 11°38'1"W	32.45	meters to corner 47;
39	thence	N 3°34'35"W	44.96	meters to corner 48;
40	thence	N 38°59'28"W	49.88	meters to corner 49;
41	thence	N 38°59'28"W	0.64	meters to corner 50;

1	thence	N 17°55'44"E	131.00	meters to corner 51;
2	thence	N 80°1'48"E	71.96	meters to corner 52;
3	thence	N 40°42'25"E	107.17	meters to corner 53;
4	thence	N 44°29'21"W	75.97	meters to corner 54;
5	thence	N 8°54'58"E	104.13	meters to corner 55;
6	thence	N 63°27'5"W	63.60	meters to corner 56;
7	thence	N 31°35'50"E	66.33	meters to corner 57;
8	thence	N 51°12'32"E	106.77	meters to corner 58;
9	thence	N 89°6'27"E	62.89	meters to corner 59;
10	thence	S 34°58'37"E	47.14	meters to corner 60;
11	thence	S 1°27'22"W	101.68	meters to corner 61;
12	thence	S 32°52'14"W	60.42	meters to corner 62;
13	thence	S 70°55'3"E	170.30	meters to corner 63;
14	thence	N 17°48'32"E	100.52	meters to corner 64;
15	thence	N 15°39'53"E	94.68	meters to corner 65;
16	thence	N 73°2'23"W	125.53	meters to corner 66;
17	thence	N 23°1'2"E	42.16	meters to corner 67;
18	thence	N 64°5'59"W	27.36	meters to corner 68;
19	thence	N 28°44'42"E	50.21	meters to corner 69;
20	thence	S 77°17'57"E	111.77	meters to corner 70;
21	thence	N 87°10'47"E	312.93	meters to corner 1;

22 the point of beginning containing an area of 47.33 hectares, more or less.

23 Block II

24 Beginning of a point marked "1" on Map, being S 50°19'23"E, 522.815 meters
25 from SRN – 3182 (PRS '92 Control Point Latitude 9°47'32.42954", Longitude
26 125°29'1.60344"), situated in Barangay San Juan, Surigao City, Province of Surigao
27 Del Norte.

28	thence	S 4°30'38"E	43.21	meters to corner 2;
29	thence	S 21°48'5"W	41.53	meters to corner 3;
30	thence	S 31°48'34"W	65.18	meters to corner 4;
31	thence	S 30°29'36"W	73.23	meters to corner 5;
32	thence	S 27°53'50"W	53.95	meters to corner 6;
33	thence	S 13°51'5"W	52.72	meters to corner 7;
34	thence	S 8°51'29"W	54.64	meters to corner 8;
35	thence	S 25°45'2"W	66.17	meters to corner 9;
36	thence	S 42°55'48"W	41.18	meters to corner 10;
37	thence	S 57°12'2"W	37.54	meters to corner 11;
38	thence	S 59°47'48"W	54.36	meters to corner 12;
39	thence	S 33°59'47"W	36.37	meters to corner 13;
40	thence	S 3°14'23"W	37.22	meters to corner 14;
41	thence	S 15°31'27"W	39.30	meters to corner 15;
42	thence	S 34°41'43"W	33.26	meters to corner 16;
43	thence	S 78°41'24"W	25.03	meters to corner 17;

1	thence	N 72°38'46"W	35.26	meters to corner 18;
2	thence	N 54°34'20"W	41.24	meters to corner 19;
3	thence	N 60°27'40"W	48.35	meters to corner 20;
4	thence	N 52°58'48"W	53.57	meters to corner 21;
5	thence	N 54°41'20"W	41.24	meters to corner 22;
6	thence	N 57°52'30"W	71.20	meters to corner 23;
7	thence	N 59°28'55"W	27.78	meters to corner 24;
8	thence	N 73°42'1"E	19.44	meters to corner 25;
9	thence	N 30°17'57"E	68.14	meters to corner 26;
10	thence	N 20°6'58"E	30.68	meters to corner 27;
11	thence	N 79°27'3"E	38.35	meters to corner 28;
12	thence	N 46°5'9"E	75.29	meters to corner 29;
13	thence	N 30°16'57"E	39.92	meters to corner 30;
14	thence	N 11°45'7"W	44.67	meters to corner 31;
15	thence	N 0°52'15"E	26.20	meters to corner 32;
16	thence	S 49°10'26"E	47.23	meters to corner 33;
17	thence	S 65°44'9"E	40.96	meters to corner 34;
18	thence	N 61°38'36"E	58.34	meters to corner 35;
19	thence	N 11°48'29"E	114.70	meters to corner 36;
20	thence	N 37°49'19"E	25.95	meters to corner 37;
21	thence	N 80°30'54"E	28.20	meters to corner 38;
22	thence	S 47°54'38"E	8.48	meters to corner 39;
23	thence	S 1°14'10"E	52.08	meters to corner 40;
24	thence	S 38°28'17"E	65.40	meters to corner 41;
25	thence	S 81°6'41"E	55.83	meters to corner 42;
26	thence	N 53°40'34"E	66.01	meters to corner 43;
27	thence	N 27°15'29"E	102.28	meters to corner 44;
28	thence	N 36°1'5"E	2.12	meters to corner 45;
29	thence	N 34°52'58"E	0.79	meters to corner 46;
30	thence	N 33°18'17"E	0.31	meters to corner 47;
31	thence	N 32°52'32"E	86.65	meters to corner 1;

the point of beginning containing an area of 13.81 hectares, more or less.

BLOCK III

Beginning at a point marked "1" on Map, being N87°45'5"W, 442.207 meters from SRN-3124 (PRS '92 Control Point Latitude 9°47'7.37377", Longitude 125°29'59.13289"), situated in Surigao City Province of Surigao Del Norte.

37	thence	S 5°54'43"E	510.91	meters to corner 2;
38	thence	N 26°50'30"W	255.64	meters to corner 3;
39	thence	S 51°23'0"W	32.53	meters to corner 4;
40	thence	S 51°23'0"W	25.61	meters to corner 5;
41	thence	S 76°29'36"W	46.76	meters to corner 6;
42	thence	S 1°44'9"E	69.88	meters to corner 7;
43	thence	S 40°57'20"W	74.27	meters to corner 8;

1	thence	N 82°52'30"W	170.65	meters to corner 9;
2	thence	S 73°36'38"W	93.77	meters to corner 10;
3	thence	S 39°22'39"W	145.13	meters to corner 11;
4	thence	S 18°33'57"E	69.90	meters to corner 12;
5	thence	N 76°22'6"E	39.59	meters to corner 13;
6	thence	N 45°27'3"E	48.70	meters to corner 14;
7	thence	S 56°7'13"E	55.98	meters to corner 15;
8	thence	S 65°40'50"W	180.04	meters to corner 16;
9	thence	S 76°48'34"W	34.57	meters to corner 17;
10	thence	N 76°40'32"W	41.07	meters to corner 18;
11	thence	N 40°51'5"W	50.90	meters to corner 19;
12	thence	N 86°58'5"W	141.05	meters to corner 20;
13	thence	N 84°9'18"W	86.81	meters to corner 21;
14	thence	N 9°25'9"E	54.90	meters to corner 22;
15	thence	N 24°37'25"E	55.53	meters to corner 23;
16	thence	N 27°45'46"E	78.05	meters to corner 24;
17	thence	N 86°55'16"E	65.39	meters to corner 25;
18	thence	N 76°30'15"E	40.56	meters to corner 26;
19	thence	N 67°9'59"E	32.52	meters to corner 27;
20	thence	N 44°1'44"E	43.88	meters to corner 28;
21	thence	N 50°11'40"E	36.96	meters to corner 29;
22	thence	N 79°14'31"E	53.53	meters to corner 30;
23	thence	S 78°20'6"E	82.23	meters to corner 31;
24	thence	N 89°44'27"E	70.62	meters to corner 32;
25	thence	N 61°38'42"E	50.19	meters to corner 33;
26	thence	N 37°48'24"E	102.94	meters to corner 34;
27	thence	N 58°17'6"E	73.36	meters to corner 35;
28	thence	N 48°21'59"E	42.21	meters to corner 36;
29	thence	N 44°36'5"E	148.71	meters to corner 37;
30	thence	N 24°25'19"W	135.91	meters to corner 38;
31	thence	N 79°56'22"W	149.01	meters to corner 39;
32	thence	N 31°46'26"W	53.58	meters to corner 40;
33	thence	N 52°34'54"E	221.57	meters to corner 41;
34	thence	S 41°49'13"E	286.01	meters to corner 1;

the point of beginning containing an area of 24.83 hectares, more or less.

SEC. 2. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall alienate the said parcels of land in accordance with the provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 141 or "The Public Land Act" as amended; Republic Act No. 730, entitled: "An Act to Permit the Sale Without Public Auction of the Public Lands of the Republic of the Philippines for Residential Purposes to Qualified Applicants Under Certain Conditions", and other public land laws: *Provided*, That twenty (20)-meter strips of land on both sides along river and creeks, for stream bank protection, shall

1 be retained as timberland and shall be planted with trees by the DENR and the City
2 Government of Surigao.

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

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7 SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuance, or
8 any part thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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10 Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
11 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper or general circulation.

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13 Approved,