

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 10252



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**Introduced by Representative Gil ‘Kabarangay Jr.’ A. Acosta**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks the reclassification of certain parcels of land covered by Presidential Proclamation No. 16 into alienable and disposable land.

Section 10, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that “The State shall promote social justice in all phases of national development.” Every Filipino has the right to an improved quality of life by being able to acquire lands and enrich the same. The 1987 Constitution, recognizing the value of land ownership, has mandated the distribution of lands especially to the marginalized sectors as a social justice measure.

On September 11, 1998, President Joseph Ejercito Estrada issued Proclamation No. 16 reserving and declaring as Puerto Princesa City Government Center and Nature Park a certain portion of land of the public domain situated in Barangays Santa Monica and Tiniguiban, Puerto Princesa City under the administration and jurisdiction of the City Government of Puerto Princesa.

The area covered by Proclamation No. 16 consisted of Eight Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen (897,518) Square Meters.

Before Proclamation No. 16 was passed, hundreds of families have been occupying a portion of Lots 2684 and 2685 Cad. 800-D. These families have already established their roots in the area and have introduced improvements therein.

Through the years, clearances necessary for land conversion have been secured from different agencies and offices such as the City Government of Puerto Princesa, the Department of Public Works and Highways - 3<sup>rd</sup> District Engineering Office, Philippine Ports Authority Port Management Office – Palawan, Puerto Princesa City Health Department, Palawan Council for Sustainable Development, and Philippine National Police - Palawan Police Provincial Office.

Through this legislation, security of tenure by way of land patents will be provided to the actual occupants.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this legislative measure is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND OF THE  
PUBLIC DOMAIN COVERED BY PROCLAMATION NO. 16 LOCATED  
IN BARANGAY SANTA MONICA, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY,  
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LAND**

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

3       **SECTION 1.** The herein described parcels of land of the public domain  
4 covered by Proclamation No. 16, containing a total area of Thirty One Thousand  
5 Three Hundred Sixty Nine (31,369) square meters located in Barangay Santa  
6 Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Province of Palawan are hereby declared  
7 agricultural land open to disposition for agricultural, commercial, residential,  
8 industrial, and other productive purposes.

9 A parcel of land (Lot 1, being portion of Plan Swo-04-003556) situated in  
10 Barangay Santa Monica , City of Puerto Princesa, Island of Palawan. Bounded  
11 on the NE, along line 1 to 2 by National Road (60.00 m. wide); on the SW., along  
12 line 2 to 3 by Lot-2596, Cad-800-D, Puerto Princesa Cadastre, (IR-382); on the  
13 NW., along line 3 to 4 by Creek; on the SE., along line 4 to 7 by Creek; along  
14 line 7 to 8 by Puerto Princesa Bay; on the S & W., along line 8 to 10 by Lot-2688,  
15 Cad-800-D, Puerto Princesa Cadastre, (NR-4A-000010-D- portion); and on the  
16 NW., along line 10 to 12 to 1 by Lot-2, (remaining portion of Plan Swo-04-  
17 003556).

Beginning at a point point marked “1” on plan being N. 22 deg. 14’ W., 4717.86 m. from B.L.L.M. No. 1 , Cad-800-D, Puerto Princesa Cadastre:

thence S. 06 deg. 44’ E., 121.37 m. to point 2;

thence N. 87 deg. 24’ W., 93.42 m. to point 3;

thence N. 08 deg. 24’ E., 102.05 m. to point 4;

thence S. 15 deg. 30’ W., 115.90 m to point 5;

thence S. 30 deg. 16’ W., 65.43 m to point 6;

thence S. 01 deg. 45’ E., 38. 12 m. to point 7;

thence S. 65 deg. 06’ W., 76. 25 m. to point 8;

thence N. 00 deg. 08’ E., 149.95 m. to point 9;

thence N. 89 deg. 57’ W., 25.00 m. to point 10;

thence N. 10 deg. 32’ E., 67.31 m. to point 11;

thence N. 68 deg. 49’ E., 68.36 m. to point 12;

thence N. 83 deg. 21’ E., 145.73 m to point of the beginning.

**SEC. 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).** – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), in consultation with the local government of the City of Puerto Princesa shall issue the corresponding implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SEC.3. Separability Clause.** – If any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SEC. 4. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, executive orders and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**SEC. 5. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,