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EXPLANATORY NOTE

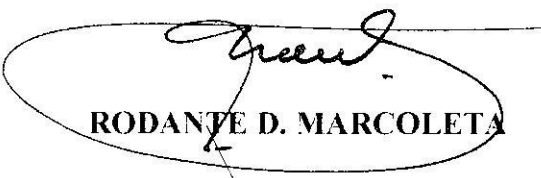
It is the policy of the State to promote the exploration and development of Renewable Energy (RE) resources to reduce the country's dependence and reliance on imported fossil fuels and thereby minimize exposure to price fluctuations in the international markets.

Recently, the country is experiencing the devastating effects brought about by the increase in the pump prices of fuel due to the developments affecting the current global oil market. Unfortunately, the Philippines mainly sources its supply on, and totally dependent from international markets.

With the recent endeavors of promoting the RE production in the country, further exploration of the country's natural resources is a must. It is thus recommended that we tap into several areas of the idle and unutilized real estates of the Armed Forces of the Philippines which are available and potential for RE developments in order to expand the country's domestic production and to minimize international dependence.

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


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AN ACT
AUTHORIZING THE SURVEY, UTILIZATION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF IDLE
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ESTATES FOR POTENTIAL SITES OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the *“Disposal and Repurposing of Idle and Unutilized AFP Real Estate for Renewable Energy Development Act of 2022.”*

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policies and Objectives* – It is the policy of the State to promote the exploration and development of Renewable Energy (RE) resources to minimize the country’s exposure to price fluctuations in the international markets. Towards this end, the State shall endeavor to extend its assistance to the Private Sector by tapping into additional real estate available for exploration and development.

SECTION 3. *Survey, Utilization, and Development of Idle and Unutilized AFP Real Estates for RE Projects* – The Department of Energy (DOE), in coordination with the Department of National Defense (DND), shall conduct a survey of AFP properties which can be utilized or developed for the expansion of the country’s sources of RE, like military reservations and other unutilized AFP real estate.

SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)* - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOE, as the lead agency, and in consultation with the DND, and other public and private stakeholders and sectors affected by this Act, including the AFP, shall promulgate the necessary IRR of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Separability Clause* - If, for any reason, any provision of this Act or any part thereof shall be held unconstitutional and invalid, the other parts or provisions of this Act, which are not affected thereby, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause* - All laws, decrees, issuances, orders, letters of instructions, administrative orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,