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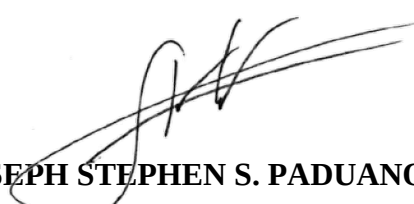
EXPLANATORY NOTE

In reiteration, climate change is no longer just a mere political issue. It has already evolved into a moral issue for us all. As we have experienced the worsening effects of climate change over the past years, it has now become our collective moral obligation to ensure that we take actions to mitigate its destructive effects. Although we may be a considerably small nation who can only have so much contribution in resolving the global issue of climate change, this does not excuse us from not doing whatever we can to help combat this ecological concern.

Like most nations, our carbon emissions dominate the rate by which we are able to produce and replenish green resources. The continuous abuse of our forest reserves by big businesses does not help our cause either.

The bill entitled “*An Act Requiring the Planting of Trees for any Construction of Residential, Commercial or Industrial Structures and for Other Purposes*” or House Bill No. 528 was originally filed in the 17th and in the 18th Congress by this Representation wherein in both Congresses it was consolidated with other similar proposed measures and deliberated. In the previous Congress, it was passed on Third Reading as House Bill No. 7763 or “*An Act Mandating the Submission of a Tree Planting Plan as a Requirement in the Application for Building Permits*” and was transmitted to the Senate for appropriate action.

Hence, the approval of this noble bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
REQUIRING THE PLANTING OF TREES FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION OF
RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Philippine Green Act of
2 2022”
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4 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – The State shall protect and advance the right of
5 the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.
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7 **SECTION 3. Tree Planting Requirement for Permits.** – For projects covered under
8 the Presidential Decree No. 1586 entitled “Establishing an Environmental Impact Statement
9 (EIS) System”, a Tree Planting Plan (TPP) shall be required as a condition in the Environmental
10 Compliance Certificate.
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12 For projects not covered by the EIS system, the proponent shall include a Tree Planting
13 Plan (TPP) together with the requirements for the issuance of the building permit by the
14 concerned Local Government Unit.
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1 **SECTION 4. Tree Planting Required for Developmental Projects.** – For
2 development projects having an area of at least 500 square meters, a minimum of at least one
3 tree shall be planted, provided that for single residential structures, a minimum of at least one
4 (1) tree shall be required to be planted for an area of at least 250 square meters.

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6 For housing development projects such as subdivisions and villages, one (1) tree shall
7 be planted for every 250 square meters.

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9 **SECTION 5. Tree Planting Plan.** – The Tree Planting Plan (TPP) shall be a simple
10 plan containing the following:

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12 1. Total Area of the Project;
13 2. Indicative lay-out of the area/s to be planted;
14 3. Number of trees to be planted taking into account the ratio of at least one (1) tree for
15 every 300 square meters or one (1) tree for every 250 square meters for single
16 residential structures; and
17 4. The species of tree to be planted.

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19 **SECTION 6. Preference for Endemic or Endangered Species.** – Taking into account
20 the location, climate, and topography of the area, preference shall be given to endemic or
21 endangered species of trees to be planted.

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23 **SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within ninety (90) days from
24 the enactment of this Act, the **Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)**
25 through the **Forest Management Bureau** and the **Environmental Management Bureau** shall
26 formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations.

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28 **SECTION 8. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations,
29 rules and regulations, or any part thereof which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby
30 repealed or modified accordingly.

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32 **SECTION 9. Separability Clause.** – Should any portion or provisions of this Act be
33 declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the other provisions hereof shall
34 continue to be in force as if the provisions so annulled or voided had never been incorporated
35 in this Act.

1 **SECTION 10. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

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4 *Approved,*