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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3736



Introduced by Representative
HARRIS CHRISTOPHER M. ONGCHUAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to declare the lands within the town proper of Silvino Lubos, Northern Samar and its adjacent lands not covered by the Samar Island Natural Park as alienable and disposable lands open for residential, agricultural, commercial and other productive purposes.

The Municipality of Silvino Lubos is one of the Twenty Four (24) municipalities comprising the Province of Northern Samar geographically situated amidst the mountainous region of the province with a total land area of 22,420 hectares classified as timberland as indicated in the forestry land classification map. It came into existence by virtue of Republic Act No. 4978 on June 17, 1967. Since then, the lands where the town sits including its adjacent lands remain an unclassified forestland or timberland thereby preventing not only the present occupants thereof but also the local government unit to fully utilize its potential that would bolster economic development in the community.

Silvino Lubos is a potential tourist destination in the Province of Northern Samar because of its topography comparable to that of Baguio City. With the construction of road that connects the town to other localities of the province, opportunity for tourism, business and economic development is now viable. Thus, it is the desire of the local government that the subject lands be declared as alienable and disposable lands.

By declaring the subject timberland as alienable and disposable lands, it will also redound to the benefit of both the present occupants or possessors of the subject lands who may eventually apply for titling, and the local government unit which can fully implement its proposed tax mapping and revenue generation program, particularly on the collection of real property taxes.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DECLARING THE LANDS WITHIN THE TOWN PROPER OF
SILVINO LUBOS, NORTHERN SAMAR AND ITS ADJACENT LANDS FROM
TIMBERLAND TO ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LANDS OPEN FOR
RESIDENTIAL, AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, AND OTHER
PRODUCTIVE PURPOSES AND PRIVATE RIGHTS

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

SECTION 1. The lands within the town proper of Silvino Lubos, Northern Samar and its adjacent lands which are not covered by the Samar Island Natural Park are hereby declared as alienable and disposable lands open for disposition for residential, agricultural, commercial, and other productive purposes and private rights, subject to actual survey or delineation.

SEC. 2. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources is hereby directed to undertake cadastral survey of the subject lands to determine the technical description or metes and bound and appropriate measurement.

SEC. 3. Within six (6) months following the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall promulgate rules and regulation for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. All laws, rules, and regulations, presidential decrees, letters of instruction and other presidential issuances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,