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**HOUSE BILL NO. 9715**



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Introduced by **HON. TSUYOSHI ANTHONY "HORI" G. HORIBATA**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This proposed legislative measure is in response to the unanimous call articulated in Resolution No. 147 and Resolution No. 148, Series of 2022, as presented and approved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Del Gallego, Camarines Sur. Resolution No. 147 requests legislative action for the reclassification of a parcel of timberland in Barangay Pamplona as alienable, disposable or agricultural land for residential and other productive purposes. Concurrently, Resolution No. 148 emphasizes the need for the exemption of a Barangay School Site from the classification of timberland to facilitate the titling of the community school site for the development and enhancement of Pamplona Community School.

The Del Gallego Municipal Engineer's Office certifies that the Pamplona Community School site is not within a two-kilometer radius of any existing Public Elementary/High School as of July 2, 2019. As of August 11, 2015, the DENR-CENRO certifies that the Pamplona Community School site is not covered by any Public Land Application and is located within Timberland Area L.C. Map No. 636, Project 29. Based on the DENR, Mines, and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), Regional Office V, Legazpi City Hazard Map, the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office certifies that the proposed site for the construction of Pamplona Community School is not prone to any Geological Hazard as of July 3, 2019.

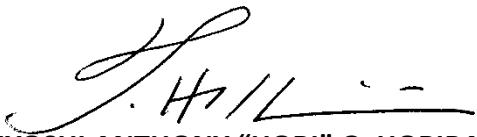
It is emphasized that reclassifying the designated timberland as alienable, disposable or agricultural land seeks to give a solution for the development of the Barangay Plaza, a common space required by the residents of Barangay Pamplona. Simultaneously, the exemption of the Barangay School Site from timberland classification serves the Pamplona Community School's urgent needs, permitting titling and ongoing development.

This legislative proposal aligns with the overall development goals of the community, ensuring that both residential and educational needs are met in a sustainable and legally sound manner. To underscore the commitment to environmental stewardship, it is declared that the Pamplona Community School officials, in coordination with barangay officials, will

ensure the maintenance of the ecological balance within the lands affected by this reclassification. As part of necessary measures, there may be selective management of vegetation in the specified areas, guided by environmental regulations, to promote the continuity of a balanced and thriving ecosystem.

This representation believes that the approval of this bill will significantly contribute to the holistic progress of Barangay Pamplona, fostering community growth and fulfilling the educational aspirations of the Pamplona Community School.

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



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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RECLASSIFICATION OF A PARCEL OF TIMBERLAND AND THE EXEMPTION OF A BARANGAY SCHOOL SITE FROM CLASSIFICATION OF TIMBERLAND IN BARANGAY PAMPLONA, MUNICIPALITY OF DEL GALLEGO, CAMARINES SUR**

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

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** – *This Act shall be known as the "Pamplona Land Reclassification and Exemption Act of 2023."*

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – *It is the policy of the State to recognize the needs of its constituents for residential, educational, and other productive purposes. This legislation aims to address the pressing concerns articulated in Resolution No. 147 and Resolution No. 148, Series of 2022, by providing for the reclassification of a parcel of timberland and the exemption of a Barangay School Site from the classification of timberland in Barangay Pamplona, Municipality of Del Gallego, Camarines Sur.*

**SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.** – *For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall mean:*

**a. Agricultural lands:** *Alienable or disposable lands of the public domain that have been the subject of the land classification system and declared as needed for forest purposes.*

**b. Forest lands:** *Includes public forests, permanent forests or forest reserves, and forest reservations.*

**c. Land classification map:** *A map showing the classification of lands of the public domain based on the land classification system undertaken by the then Bureau of Forestry; by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Community Environment & Natural Resources Office (CENRO).*

**d. Protected area:** *Identified portions of land and water set aside by reason of their unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance biodiversity, and protected against destructive human exploitation.*

**e. Public forests:** *The mass of lands of the public domain that has not been the subject of the present system of classification for the determination of which lands are needed for forest purposes and which are not.*

**f. Geological Hazard:** *Natural events or processes that originate from geological processes, mainly related to the Earth's crust and its dynamic movements, which are earthquakes, landslides, and the like.*

**SECTION 4. Reclassification of Timberland in Barangay Pamplona.** – *The parcel of timberland located at Barangay Pamplona, Municipality of Del Gallego, Camarines Sur, covered by Certificate of Stewardship and Integrated Social Forestry, as specified in Resolution No. 147, is hereby reclassified as alienable or disposable land for residential and other productive purposes. This reclassification aims to utilize the said land for the construction of the Barangay Plaza, providing a communal space for the residents of Barangay Pamplona.*

*The land details for the Barangay Plaza Site are as follows: 13°56'19.15"N, 122°43'22.54"E*

**SECTION 5. Exemption of Barangay School Site from Timberland Classification** – *The Barangay School Site located at Barangay Pamplona, Municipality of Del Gallego, Camarines Sur, as specified in Resolution No. 148, is hereby exempted from the classification of timberland to facilitate the titling of the community school site for the development and enhancement of Pamplona Community School.*

*The land details for the Barangay School Site are as follows: 13°56'20.51"N, 122°43'22.57"E; 13°56'18.80"N, 122°43'18.11"E*

**SECTION 6. Preservation of Ecological Balance.** – *The final use of herein reclassified lands shall not in any way prejudice ecological balance, and the removal of timber and other forest products therein shall continue to be subject to forestry laws and regulations.*

**SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – *Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of DENR shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.*

**SECTION 8. Separability Clause.** – *If, for any reason, any section of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected and shall remain in force and effect.*

**SECTION 9. Repealing Clause.** – *All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions, rules, and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act are repealed or amended accordingly.*

**SECTION 10. Effectivity** – *This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.*

*Approved,*