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House Bill No. 1062



Introduced by Representative GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

**AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES TO DECLARE A PORTION OF THE CLARK SPECIAL
ECONOMIC ZONE AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LAND AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Clark Special Economic Zone (CSEZ), spanning an area of 28,041 hectares, more or less, in the cities and municipalities of Angeles, Mabalacat and Porac in Pampanga, and in Capas and Bamban in Tarlac, was established to transform the former Clark Air Base into a self-sustaining industrial, commercial, financial, and investment center in Central Luzon, attracting foreign trade, investment and tourism. Currently, the CSEZ has an international civil aviation complex, modern industrial estate, hotels and recreational areas.

The lands covering the CSEZ remains to be part of the inalienable and disposable public domain, either in the name of the Republic of the Philippines or the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA). The current classification of CSEZ poses a challenge to its full development as a economic and business hub for Luzon and Asia.

This bill aims to further accelerate the development of the CSEZ by mandating the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to declare a portion thereof as alienable and disposable land of public domain to incentivize qualified Filipinos and Philippine corporations from acquiring ownership of portions of CSEZ utilizing the same for residential and other mixed-use purposes.

For the reasons above-cited, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. An area of not more than five percent (5%) of the total land area of the Clark Special Economic Zone (CSEZ), to be determined by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) based on existing survey plans shall be declared by the same as alienable and disposable.

SECTION 2. The Clark Development Corporation (CDC), as the implementing and operating body of the CSEZ, shall continue to exercise administrative authority over the area declared as alienable and disposable in the preceding Section.

SECTION 3. The right of the President of the Philippines to sell the above alienable and disposable lands, in whole or in part, pursuant to the provisions of existing laws and regulations governing sales of government properties, is hereby recognized.

SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* — If any of the provisions of this Act is declared invalid, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules and regulations, executive or administrative orders, and other presidential issuances inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved: