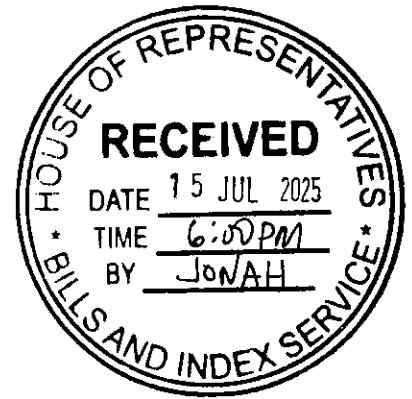


**Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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**TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1955



Introduced by Representative CIRIACO B. GATO, JR., M.D., FPSO-HNS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to reclassify Barangay Itbud, Municipality of Uyugan, Province of Batanes as agricultural land and open for disposition for agricultural, commercial, and residential purposes.

In 1910, people migrated and settled in the area after the Spanish rule in 1789 and before the American occupation. In 1920, the first chapel, residential stone and lime houses, and school buildings were constructed. Grades I and II classes were opened in 1927-1928.

Home to at least five hundred people, Barangay Itbud is a now a detached barangay of the Municipality of Uyugan, situated along the National Road, 23km south of the capital town – Basco. Its conversion from a National Park to an Alienable and Disposable residential area/site will provide long-time residents opportunities and entitlements as genuine owners.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, through the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office in Batanes, approved the Survey Plan for the six (6) hectare-wide Barangay Itbud. It provides the Technical Description of the map location, as a basis whether to exclude Barangay Itbud as part of the BPLS under NIPAS, for the assessment and reclassification of the land to sustainable development and strengthen land conservation and cultural practices of importance to the Ivatans while maintaining a sound ecosystem that will be beneficial to the whole community.

This bill was filed in the 17th, 18th, and 19th Congress; however, due to lack of material time, it did not become a law.

In view of the forgoing considerations, the approval of this bill is ardently sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. B. Gato, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

CIRIACO B. GATO, JR., M.D., FPSO-HNS

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AN ACT
DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED
IN BARANGAY ITBUD, MUNICIPALITY OF UYUGAN, PROVINCE OF
BATANES, AS AGRICULTURAL LAND AND OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR
AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration as Agricultural Land.* – A parcel of land of the public domain located in *Barangay Itbud*, Municipality of Uyugan, Province of Batanes, is hereby classified as agricultural land and open to disposition for residential purposes.

SEC. 2. *Scope and Coverage.* – The said parcel of land pertains to the area beginning at a point marked "1" on Plan SWO-(AF)-000185, being S 05°22' E, 10.492 meters from "BTS-3029" with geographic coordinates of 20°22'8.39524" Latitude and 121°57'32.04615" Longitude, located at Municipality of Uyugan, Batanes,

thence S 68°30' W	7.61 meters	to corner 2;
thence S 44°16' W	13.82 meters	to corner 3;
thence N 35°05' W	10.99 meters	to corner 4;
thence N 07°25' W	75.22 meters	to corner 5;
thence S 88°54' E	9.99 meters	to corner 6;
thence N 26°51' E	58.5 meters	to corner 7;
thence N 09°24' W	29.62 meters	to corner 8;
thence N 38°14' W	23.97 meters	to corner 9;
thence N 38°14' W	32.8 meters	to corner 10;
thence N 73°42' W	38.32 meters	to corner 11;

thence N 36°36' W	18.46 meters to corner 12;
thence N 28°12' W	49.48 meters to corner 13;
thence N 85°40' W	54.61 meters to corner 14;
thence S 72°28' W	45.88 meters to corner 15;
thence S 82°56' E	16.59 meters to corner 16;
thence N 64°17' E	13.43 meters to corner 17;
thence S 40°30' E	3.36 meters to corner 18;
thence S 19°43' W	31.93 meters to corner 19;
thence N 76°35' E	40.42 meters to corner 20;
thence S 70°09' E	11.57 meters to corner 21;
thence N 03°07' W	96.43 meters to corner 22;
thence N 52°44' E	16.58 meters to corner 23;
thence N 90°00' E	21.92 meters to corner 24;
thence S 42°56' E	31.88 meters to corner 25;
thence S 73°22' E	56.01 meters to corner 26;
thence S 50°20' E	32.1 meters to corner 27;
thence S 36°48' W	62.63 meters to corner 28;
thence S 00°46' E	30.69 meters to corner 29;
thence S 62°08' W	27.56 meters to corner 30;
thence S 65°47' E	18.32 meters to corner 31;
thence S 58°31' E	31.97 meters to corner 32;
thence N 69°35' E	22.32 meters to corner 33;
thence S 89°00' E	30.52 meters to corner 34;
thence S 81°17' E	26.51 meters to corner 35;
thence S 88°32' E	24.5 meters to corner 36;
thence N 84°47' E	27.22 meters to corner 37;
thence N 90°00' E	15.92 meters to corner 38;
thence S 87°29' E	15.96 meters to corner 39;
thence N 79°02' E	51.68 meters to corner 40;
thence N 09°29' E	58.33 meters to corner 41;
thence N 34°36' E	43.11 meters to corner 42;
thence N 86°11' E	39.51 meters to corner 43;
thence N 26°04' E	46.11 meters to corner 44;
thence S 81°33' E	26.59 meters to corner 45;

thence S 03°56' E	163.76 meters to corner 46;
thence S 42°01' E	66.12 meters to corner 47;
thence S 86°17' E	26.02 meters to corner 48;
thence S 18°32' W	17.01 meters to corner 49;
thence S 18°32' W	27.58 meters to corner 50;
thence N 82°15' W	71.71 meters to corner 51;
thence S 89°19' W	125.61 meters to corner 52;
thence S 57°58' W	9.69 meters to corner 53;
thence S 59°20' W	81.14 meters to corner 54;
thence S 66°22' W	63.31 meters to corner 55;
thence S 72°22' W	28.51 meters to corner 56;
thence S 88°53' W	40.82 meters to corner 57;
thence N 83°11' W	30.9 meters to corner 58;
thence N 88°04' W	40.75 meters to corner 59;
thence N 88°33' W	38.84 meters to corner 60;
thence N 80°49' W	35.54 meters to corner 61;
thence N 72°44' W	27.7 meters to corner 1,

and containing an area of one hundred twenty- four thousand seven hundred seventy-six (124,776) square meters, more or less. Bearings and distances of line were derived using the PRS-92, Philippine Zone III coordinates system, subject to actual ground demarcation.

SEC. 3. *Disposition of the Agricultural lands.* – Upon the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall undertake the alienation and distribution of the parcel of land described in Section 2 hereof pursuant to the relevant provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 141, as amended, otherwise known as “The Public Land Act” or Republic Act No. 10023, or “An Act Authorizing The Issuance of Free Patents To Residential Lands”, whichever is applicable.

SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DENR shall issue rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,