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House Bill No. 7522

Introduced by **Representative Dante S. Garcia and Kenneth Paolo Tereng**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure, entitled “An Act Reclassifying Certain Public Lands Within The Strip Of Land Five (5) Kilometers From Either Side Of The Aspiras Highway, From The Municipality Of Agoo, Province Of La Union To The Municipality Of Tuba, Province Of Benguet Covered By Proclamation No. 1754 As Alienable And Disposable Lands” has been in the 18th Congress, and was duly processed by the Committee on Natural Resources. It was approved by the House on 25 March 2021, and was transmitted to and received by the Senate on 12 April 2021. For lack of material time, the bill was not passed. Hence, this bill is being refiled.

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1754, dated 22 June 1978, the area covering 30,811.81 hectares was reserved for forest and watershed purposes of which some 25,762.81 hectares were previously declared alienable and disposable land (A & D) and 5,049 hectares timberland per Land Classification No. 1392 approved on 1 August 1940. The said land area is under the jurisdiction of the Municipalities of Agoo, Tubao, Rosario, Pugo, Sto. Tomas, and Aringay.

In this case, prior to the issuance of Proclamation No. 1754, several portions affected by the same have already been issued land titles recognized under the law. As such, its continued use is primarily as residential and agricultural. The law therefor failed to consider and balance the different related concerns of the stakeholders such as food security, human settlements, environmental protection, indigenous communities, and other economic and commercial pursuits. Where there are conflicting land uses and practices, inappropriate land classification and confusion, due to inconsistent laws and policies as well as continued negative environmental impact on land of human activities, the existing law needs to be revisited.

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

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AN ACT
RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN THE STRIP
OF LAND FIVE (5) KILOMETERS FROM EITHER SIDE OF THE
ASPIRAS HIGHWAY, FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGOO,
PROVINCE OF LA UNION TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA,
PROVINCE OF BENGUET COVERED BY PROCLAMATION NO.
1754 AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LANDS

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Reclassification of Certain Public Lands.*** - The existing
2 built-up and populated areas and the agricultural lands identified by the
3 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) within the strip of
4 land five (5) kilometers from either side of the Aspiras Highway from the
5 Municipality of Agoo, Province of La Union to the Municipality of Tuba, Province
6 of Benguet covered by Proclamation No. 1754, are hereby reclassified as alienable
7 and disposable lands. These pertain to the following areas:

8 a. Parcel 1 pertains to the area beginning at a point marked "1" on the
9 Map, being S65°43'23" W, 200.182 meters from PRS92 Control Monument "BGT-
10 3169" with geographic coordinates of 16°22'37.72" latitude and 12°34'7.05"
11 longitude located at Barangay Dontongan, Baguio City, Benguet:

12 thence N27°13'8"W 212.175 meters to corner 2;

13 thence N86°37'21"W 147.209 meters to corner 3;

1	thence	N63°3'44"W	194.575	meters to corner	4;
2	thence	S23°16'45"W	297.439	meters to corner	5;
3	thence	S38°21'45"W	232.12	meters to corner	6;
4	thence	S19°29'0"W	202.962	meters to corner	7;
5	thence	N50°8'35"W	137.769	meters to corner	8;
6	thence	N22°3'55"W	330.262	meters to corner	9;
7	thence	N87°12'36"W	568.409	meters to corner	10;
8	thence	N65°46'20"W	278.531	meters to corner	11;
9	thence	S89°45'11"W	368.301	meters to corner	12;
10	thence	S59°58'11"W	334.384	meters to corner	13;
11	thence	S4°12'19"W	310.038	meters to corner	14;
12	thence	S13°59'31"E	354.353	meters to corner	15;
13	thence	S34°38'40"W	328.458	meters to corner	16;
14	thence	S35°42'22"W	873.635	meters to corner	17;
15	thence	S29°41'27"E	208.325	meters to corner	18;
16	thence	S38°48'14"W	582.651	meters to corner	19;
17	thence	S36°1'38"W	215.922	meters to corner	20;
18	thence	S31°5'43"W	766.534	meters to corner	21;
19	thence	S58°15'56"W	244.173	meters to corner	22;
20	thence	S42°21'32"W	424.154	meters to corner	23;
21	thence	S20°9'25"E	215.072	meters to corner	24;
22	thence	S42°53'34"E	212.271	meters to corner	25;
23	thence	S49°29'19"E	33.618	meters to corner	26;
24	thence	S70°20'47"E	52.061	meters to corner	27;
25	thence	S60°56'43"E	72.11	meters to corner	28;
26	thence	S46°16'23"E	111.46	meters to corner	29;
27	thence	S22°37'12"E	91.052	meters to corner	30;
28	thence	S0°0'1"E	31.518	meters to corner	31;
29	thence	S20°46'20"E	108.618	meters to corner	32;
30	thence	S4°58'11"E	80.85	meters to corner	33;
31	thence	S5°42'38"E	70.389	meters to corner	34;
32	thence	S16°41'58"E	49.034	meters to corner	35;

1	thence	S72°21'0"E	604.231	meters to corner	36;
2	thence	S48°37'17"E	209.277	meters to corner	37;
3	thence	S38°39'35"E	550.632	meters to corner	38;
4	thence	S20°0'8"E	633.977	meters to corner	39;
5	thence	S22°52'35"E	329.943	meters to corner	40;
6	thence	S30°44'55"W	908.863	meters to corner	41;
7	thence	S51°51'40"W	1862.531	meters to corner	42;
8	thence	S57°27'57"W	4287.178	meters to corner	43;
9	thence	N10°58'23"W	931.942	meters to corner	44;
10	thence	N23°40'36"W	4407.618	meters to corner	45;
11	thence	N24°36'14"W	7139.389	meters to corner	46;
12	thence	S62°41'33"E	545.117	meters to corner	47;
13	thence	N24°34'41"E	2255.151	meters to corner	48;
14	thence	N37°54'43"E	765.277	meters to corner	49;
15	thence	N47°4'53"E	985.496	meters to corner	50;
16	thence	N59°33'59"E	917.568	meters to corner	51;
17	thence	N59°18'14"E	2017.642	meters to corner	52;
18	thence	N68°28'56"E	1598.12	meters to corner	53;
19	thence	N88°34'14"E	118.897	meters to corner	54;
20	thence	S14°41'24"E	66.374	meters to corner	55;
21	thence	S55°37'34"E	76.749	meters to corner	56;
22	thence	N89°8'8"E	111.95	meters to corner	57;
23	thence	S5°25'42"E	245.723	meters to corner	58;
24	thence	S64°56'22"E	161.977	meters to corner	59;
25	thence	S61°50'39"E	122.032	meters to corner	60;
26	thence	S72°11'29"E	118.253	meters to corner	61;
27	thence	S40°11'0"E	136.54	meters to corner	62;
28	thence	S20°30'31"E	341.844	meters to corner	63;
29	thence	N74°59'50"E	180.278	meters to corner	64;
30	thence	S48°3'29"E	166.265	meters to corner	65;
31	thence	N53°27'0"E	196.998	meters to corner	66;
32	thence	S38°35'56"E	123.064	meters to corner	67;

1	thence	S29°48'7"W	310.976	meters to corner	68;
2	thence	S19°12'43"E	239.353	meters to corner	69;
3	thence	S51°11'24"E	142.512	meters to corner	70;
4	thence	S1°49'15"E	332.207	meters to corner	71;
5	thence	S50°30'27"E	100.036	meters to corner	72;
6	thence	S11°18'53"W	192.412	meters to corner	73;
7	thence	S70°26'55"E	265.61	meters to corner	74;
8	thence	S26°45'46"E	133.356	meters to corner	75;
9	thence	S60°37'20"E	172.772	meters to corner	76;
10	thence	S11°37'21"W	120.864	meters to corner	77;
11	thence	S77°12'56"E	154.67	meters to corner	78;
12	thence	S8°46'27"E	225.247	meters to corner	79;
13	thence	S67°7'24"E	255.544	meters to corner	80;
14	thence	S3°48'6"W	124.197	meters to corner	81;
15	thence	S87°20'46"E	238.412	meters to corner	82;
16	thence	N64°0'59"E	162.926	meters to corner	83;
17	thence	S51°58'25"E	173.36	meters to corner	84;
18	thence	S80°19'11"E	224.074	meters to corner	85;
19	thence	S72°27'49"E	338.215	meters to corner	86;
20	thence	S30°43'15"E	186.777	meters to corner	87;
21	thence	S72°30'7"E	129.005	meters to corner	88;
22	thence	S53°7'48"E	100.343	meters to corner	89;
23	thence	S56°18'35"E	72.359	meters to corner	90;
24	thence	S10°18'18"E	224.375	meters to corner	91;
25	thence	S21°48'5"E	216.146	meters to corner	92;
26	thence	S36°52'11"E	100.343	meters to corner	93;
27	thence	S63°26'6"E	89.75	meters to corner	94;
28	thence	S45°0'0"E	141.907	meters to corner	95;
29	thence	S21°48'5"E	108.073	meters to corner	96;
30	thence	S21°48'5"E	108.073	meters to corner	97;
31	thence	S51°20'25"E	385.507	meters to corner	98;
32	thence	N90°0'0"E	200.687	meters to corner	99;

1	thence	N81°52'11"E	141.907	meters to corner	100;
2	thence	N39°48'20"E	156.741	meters to corner	101;
3	thence	N24°26'38"E	242.491	meters to corner	102;
4	thence	N45°0'0"E	113.526	meters to corner	103;
5	thence	N12°5'41"E	287.34	meters to corner	104;
6	thence	N14°2'11"W	82.745	meters to corner	105;
7	thence	N0°0'0"E	120.412	meters to corner	106;
8	thence	N33°41'24"W	289.434	meters to corner	107;
9	thence	N60°15'18"W	161.799	meters to corner	108;
10	thence	N74°3'16"W	146.102	meters to corner	109;
11	thence	N80°32'16"W	122.073	meters to corner	110;
12	thence	S84°48'20"W	221.666	meters to corner	111;
13	thence	N83°39'35"W	181.73	meters to corner	112;
14	thence	N71°33'54"W	126.925	meters to corner	113;
15	thence	N59°2'11"W	117.02	meters to corner	114;
16	thence	N0°0'0"E	120.412	meters to corner	115;
17	thence	N18°26'6"E	63.463	meters to corner	116;
18	thence	N0°0'0"E	60.206	meters to corner	117;
19	thence	N51°20'25"W	128.502	meters to corner	118;
20	thence	N53°7'49"W	100.343	meters to corner	119;
21	thence	N0°0'0"E	140.481	meters to corner	120;
22	thence	N45°0'0"E	113.526	meters to corner	121;
23	thence	N45°0'0"E	113.526	meters to corner	122;
24	thence	N63°26'6"E	134.625	meters to corner	123;
25	thence	N82°52'30"E	161.799	meters to corner	124;
26	thence	N53°0'25"E	154.409	meters to corner	125;
27	thence	S55°33'13"E	129.689	meters to corner	126;
28	thence	N15°37'58"E	188.091	meters to corner	127;
29	thence	N14°2'10"E	82.745	meters to corner	128;
30	thence	N18°26'6"W	126.925	meters to corner	129;
31	thence	N84°17'22"W	201.688	meters to corner	130;
32	thence	N73°18'3"W	209.523	meters to corner	131;

1	thence	N76°0'10"W	198.906	meters to corner	132;
2	thence	S77°39'9"W	131.132	meters to corner	133;
3	thence	S80°32'16"W	122.073	meters to corner	134;
4	thence	N74°3'16"W	146.102	meters to corner	135;
5	thence	N15°56'43"W	146.102	meters to corner	136;
6	thence	N0°0'0"E	140.481	meters to corner	137;
7	thence	N34°20'17"E	129.611	meters to corner	138;
8	thence	N53°42'52"E	158.268	meters to corner	139;
9	thence	N75°57'49"E	165.491	meters to corner	140;
10	thence	N56°18'36"E	144.717	meters to corner	141;
11	thence	N29°44'42"E	161.799	meters to corner	142;
12	thence	N0°0'0"E	140.481	meters to corner	143;
13	thence	N26°33'54"W	134.625	meters to corner	144;
14	thence	N26°33'54"W	134.625	meters to corner	145;
15	thence	N0°0'0"E	200.687	meters to corner	146;
16	thence	N38°39'35"E	128.502	meters to corner	147;
17	thence	N30°57'49"E	117.02	meters to corner	148;
18	thence	N36°52'11"E	100.343	meters to corner	149;
19	thence	N24°37'33"E	59.355	meters to corner	150;
20	thence	S19°22'14"E	2514.319	meters to corner	151;
21	thence	S19°1'15"E	1842.396	meters to corner	152;
22	thence	S19°22'33"E	1945.563	meters to corner	1,

23 containing an area of eleven thousand four hundred one 34/100 (11,401.34)
24 hectares, more or less.

25 b. Parcel 2 pertains to the area within the Palispis Protected Landscape
26 beginning at a point marked "1" on the Map, being S18°46'42"W, 322.87 meters
27 from PRS92 Control Monument "BGT-3169" with geographic coordinates of
28 16°22'37.72" latitude and 12°34'7.05" longitude located at Barangay Dontongan,
29 Baguio City, Benguet:

30	thence	S19°22'33"E	269.622	meters to corner	2;
31	thence	S78°25'31"E	2951.712	meters to corner	3;
32	thence	S78°47'39"E	1006.663	meters to corner	4;

1	thence	S79°7'46"E	472.227	meters to corner	5;
2	thence	S78°37'19"E	114.919	meters to corner	6;
3	thence	S20°53'9"E	406.147	meters to corner	7;
4	thence	S56°11'23"W	606.528	meters to corner	8;
5	thence	S42°59'13"W	1117.603	meters to corner	9;
6	thence	N41°10'53"W	953.612	meters to corner	10;
7	thence	N10°39'35"E	518.325	meters to corner	11;
8	thence	N52°33'4"W	458.059	meters to corner	12;
9	thence	N9°29'44"W	381.423	meters to corner	13;
10	thence	N80°58'20"W	1014.302	meters to corner	14;
11	thence	S86°41'4"W	98.097	meters to corner	15;
12	thence	S83°6'46"W	454.808	meters to corner	16;
13	thence	S70°21'8"W	255.568	meters to corner	17;
14	thence	S82°26'23"W	221.28	meters to corner	18;
15	thence	N88°58'4"W	119.091	meters to corner	19;
16	thence	N71°7'52"W	229.617	meters to corner	20;
17	thence	N30°11'30"W	350.019	meters to corner	21;
18	thence	N7°29'34"E	447.623	meters to corner	1;

19 containing an area of two hundred eighty-nine .06/100 (289.06) hectares, more or
20 less.

21 **SEC. 2. *Status of National Parks, Mineral Lands and Other Public***
22 ***Reservations.*** – The land classification of proclaimed national parks, protected
23 areas, mineral lands, the status of civil reservations, military reservations, and
24 other reservations for public and quasi-public uses within the affected area shall
25 not be affected by this Act.

26 **SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90)
27 days from the effectivity of this Act, the DENR, in consultation with the Provincial
28 Governments of La Union and Benguet and the affected municipalities, shall issue
29 the corresponding implementing rules and regulations (IRR) for the effective
30 implementation of this Act.

1 **SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.*** – If any section or provision of this Act is
2 held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions not affected thereby
3 shall continue to be in full force and effect.

4 **SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
5 regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with this act are
6 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

9 *Approved,*