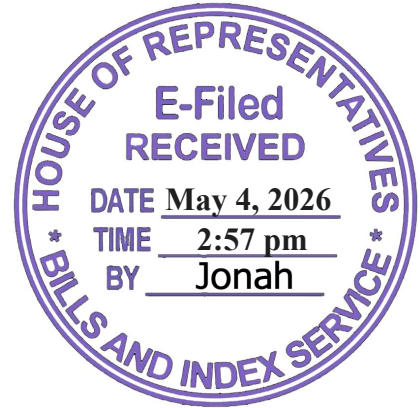




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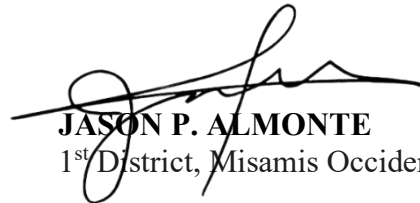
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Concepcion in Misamis Occidental is severely constrained in its economic and infrastructure development because a significant portion of its land is classified as timberland within the Mt. Malindang Range Natural Park (MMRNP) buffer zone. This classification restricts the local government's ability to generate revenue from real property taxes to fund essential social services.

On October 14, 2025, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region X certified that 1,151.37 hectares distributed across seventeen non-contiguous barangays within the MMRNP buffer zone are eligible for reclassification into Alienable and Disposable land. This reclassification will secure land tenure for actual occupants, maximize agricultural productivity, and broaden the local tax base to support the development of schools, hospitals, and government facilities.

Article XII, Section 3 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution and Commonwealth Act No. 141, or the Public Land Act, mandate that the reclassification of public lands requires congressional enactment. Consequently, this measure seeks to amend Republic Act No. 9304, known as the "Mt. Malindang Range Natural Park Act of 2004," to legally exempt these 1,151.37 hectares from its restrictive classifications while preserving the integrity of the remaining natural park.

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


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**AN ACT RECLASSIFYING A 1,151.37-HECTARE PORTION OF TIMBERLAND
SITUATED WITHIN THE BUFFER ZONE OF THE MT. MALINDANG RANGE
NATURAL PARK IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CONCEPCION, PROVINCE OF
MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, INTO ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LAND**

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

SECTION 1. Reclassification. A parcel of land comprising One Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One and 37/100 (1,151.37) hectares, currently classified as timberland and situated within the buffer zone of the Mt. Malindang Range Natural Park (MMRNP) in the Municipality of Concepcion, Province of Misamis Occidental, is hereby reclassified as alienable and disposable land.

SECTION 2. Scope and Distribution. The reclassified area specified in Section 1 is non-contiguous and is distributed across seventeen (17) barangays within the Municipality of Concepcion, with the following area breakdown:

1. Bagong Nayon: 16.41 hectares
2. Capule: 178.62 hectares
3. Guiban: 13.86 hectares
4. Layaan: 36.78 hectares
5. Lingatongan: 3.23 hectares
6. Maligubaan: 192.90 hectares
7. Mantukoy: 47.64 hectares
8. Marugang: 3.56 hectares
9. New Casul: 5.76 hectares
10. Poblacion: 59.33 hectares
11. Pogan: 84.17 hectares

12. Small Potongan: 39.95 hectares
13. Upper Dapitan: 5.89 hectares
14. Upper Dioyo: 99.55 hectares
15. Upper Potongan: 90.03 hectares
16. Upper Salimpuno: 250.48 hectares
17. Virayan: 23.20 hectares

SECTION 3. Technical Description. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, conduct the final verification and issue the exact technical descriptions, specifying the metes and bounds of the non-contiguous parcels of land reclassified under this Act.

SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DENR, in coordination with the Local Government Unit of the Municipality of Concepcion and other concerned government agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,