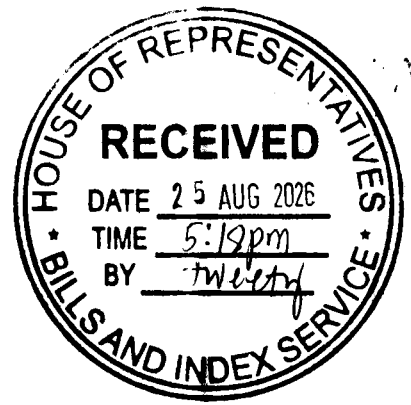


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HOUSE BILL NO. **10950**



Introduced by Honorable EULOGIO "LEO" R. RODRIGUEZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the conversion of Sitio Palumbanes located in Barangay Toytoy in the Municipality of Caramoran, Province of Catanduanes, into a separate and distinct barangay.

Sitio Palumbanes is a geographically distinct island community composed of the islets of Parongpong, Tignob, and Calabagio, with a total land area of approximately 212 hectares, or 2.12 square kilometers, and a population of 1,678 residents. Its geographical separation from the mainland portion of Barangay Toytoy poses significant challenges to the efficient delivery of basic services, administrative supervision, and effective governance.

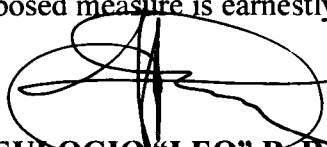
Given these circumstances, the conversion of Sitio Palumbanes into a separate barangay would facilitate more efficient and economical governance. It would also bring government programs and basic services closer to its residents and allow the community to address its distinct needs and concerns more directly.

Furthermore, the residents of Sitio Palumbanes have been clamoring for the said conversion. They strongly believe that the enactment of this measure establishing their community as a separate barangay, together with its corresponding share in the National Tax Allotment, would promote local development, improve the delivery of basic services, and address the unique challenges arising from their geographical isolation. For this reason, appreciating that a barangay is the basic political unit and appreciating further their desire to act as such, the conversion of Sitio Palumbanes is timely and necessary.

The proposal has been favorably endorsed by the Sangguniang Barangay of Toytoy and the Sangguniang Bayan of Caramoran.

Considering the requisites of population and territorial jurisdiction, the conversion of Sitio Palumbanes located in Barangay Toytoy, in the Municipality of Caramora into a separate and distinct barangay is in order, pursuant to Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as "The Local Government Code of 1991" and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

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


EULOGIO "LEO" R. RODRIGUEZ



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HOUSE BILL NO. **10960**

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**AN ACT CONVERTING SITIO PALUMBANES IN BARANGAY TOYTOY,
MUNICIPALITY OF CARAMORAN, PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES, INTO A
BARANGAY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. *Conversion of Sitio Palumbanes into a Barangay.* – Sitio Palumbanes situated in Barangay Toytoy in the Municipality of Caramoran, Province of Catanduanes, is hereby converted into a regular barangay to be known as Barangay Palumbanes. It shall retain its identity based on its more or less permanent natural boundaries. Its meters and bounds shall be surveyed, cost of which shall be borne by the local government units concerned.

SEC. 2. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.* – Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as “The Local Government Code of 1991,” the new barangay shall exist upon a majority of votes cast by the qualified voters of Barangay Toytoy in a plebiscite to be conducted by the Commission on Election (COMELEC) in the areas affected, within One Hundred Twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act.

The expense for such plebiscite shall be borne by the Municipality of Caramoran.

SEC. 3. *Incumbent Barangay Officials.* – The incumbent Barangay Officials of Barangay Toytoy, in the Municipality of Caramoran, Province of Catanduanes shall continue to exercise their powers, duties, and functions, pursuant to Book III, Title I of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, in a holdover capacity over Barangay Toytoy until new officials of Barangay Palumbanes shall have been elected and qualified.

SEC. 4. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities.* – All existing public infrastructure and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the barangay.

SEC. 5. *National Tax Allotment Shares.* – Barangay Palumbanes in the Municipality of Caramoran shall be entitled to National Tax Allotment shares pursuant to Section 285 of the Local Government Code, as amended.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,