

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session



COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 539

Submitted by the **Special Committee on Reforestation** on August 3, 2026

Re: **House Bill No. 10518**

Recommending its approval, in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1568, 3451, 3587, and 6325.

Sponsors: Representatives Noel “Bong” N. Rivera, Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Dante S. Garcia, Kenneth Paolo Tereng, Jane T. Castro, and Carmelo G. Lazatin, Jr.

Mr. Speaker:

The Special Committee on Reforestation, to which were referred House Bill No. 1568, introduced by Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, entitled:

**AN ACT
REQUIRING THE PLANTING OF TREES FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION OF
RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

House Bill No. 3451, introduced by Reps. Dante S. Garcia and Kenneth Paolo Tereng, entitled:

**AN ACT
MANDATING THE SUBMISSION OF A TREE PLANTING PLAN AS A
REQUIREMENT IN THE APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMITS**

House Bill No. 3587, introduced by Rep. Jane T. Castro, entitled:

**AN ACT
MANDATING THE SUBMISSION OF A TREE PLANTING PLAN AS A
REQUIREMENT IN THE APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMITS**

and House Bill No. 6325, introduced by Rep. Carmelo G. Lazatin, Jr., entitled:

AN ACT

INTEGRATING TREE PLANTING PLAN (TPP) AS AN ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

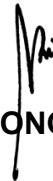
has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. **10518** entitled:

AN ACT

INTEGRATING TREE PLANTING PLAN AS AN ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1568, 3451, 3587, and 6325 with Representatives Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Dante S. Garcia, Kenneth Paolo Tereng, Jane T. Castro, Carmelo G. Lazatin Jr., Ma. Georgina P. De Venecia, Edwin L. Gardiola, Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr., Iris Marie Demesa Montes, Atty. Jennifer "Karen" A. Lagbas, and Noel "Bong" N. Rivera as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



REP. NOEL "BONG" N. RIVERA

Chairperson

Special Committee on Reforestation

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 10518

(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 1568, 3451, 3587, and 6325)

Introduced by Representatives Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Dante S. Garcia, Kenneth Paolo Tereng, Jane T. Castro, Carmelo G. Lazatin Jr., Ma. Georgina P. De Venecia, Edwin L. Gardiola, Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr., Iris Marie Demesa Montes, Atty. Jennifer “Karen” A. Lagbas, and Noel ‘Bong’ N. Rivera

AN ACT
INTEGRATING TREE PLANTING PLAN AS AN ADDITIONAL
REQUIREMENT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** - This Act shall be known as the “Building
2 Permit Tree Planting Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** - It is the policy of the State to protect
4 and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in
5 accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. For this purpose, the State
6 shall promote tree planting in residential, commercial, industrial, and public
7 areas to aid in environmental preservation and mitigate the adverse effects
8 of climate change.

9 **SEC. 3. *Coverage.*** – All applications for building permits
10 covering new construction, additions, alterations and major repairs under
11 Presidential Decree No. 1096, otherwise known as the “National Building
12 Code of the Philippines” shall include a Tree Planting Plan (TPP), except

1 traditional indigenous family dwellings and projects exempted under the Code
2 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

3 **SEC. 4. *Tree Planting Plan (TPP) Requirement.*** – (a) Submission –
4 the applicant shall submit a TPP, in addition to other permit requirements, to
5 the Office of the Building Official of the concerned Local Government Unit
6 (LGU); (b) Minimum Contents – The TPP shall contain, at minimum:

7 (1) Total lot and project floor area of the project;

8 (2) Layout of planting areas;

9 (3) Number of trees to be planted, at least:

10 (i) One (1) tree for every five hundred (500) square meters of
11 lot area for commercial or industrial buildings; and

12 (ii) One (1) tree for every two hundred fifty (250) square meters
13 in residential buildings or developments;

14 (4) Species of endemic trees.

15 Any person, firm, corporation, office, department, or agency of the
16 government that intends to construct, repair, alter or convert any building or
17 structure, shall designate one or more areas within the property for
18 planting trees and other vegetation, consistent with the approved TPP and
19 the technical criteria under this Act and its IRR.

20 **SEC. 5. *Institutional Arrangements.*** – The Department of Public
21 Works and Highways (DPWH), as the administrator of the National Building
22 Code, shall integrate the TPP requirement into building permit processes
23 and forms. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources
24 (DENR) shall provide consultations and technical standards for species
25 selection, planting, and maintenance. The Department of the Interior and

1 Local Government (DILG) shall oversee LGU compliance and capacity-
2 building.

3 **SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60)
4 days after the effectivity of this Act, the DPWH and DENR shall, in
5 coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government
6 (DILG), and Department of Agriculture, promulgate the pertinent rules and
7 regulations to carry out the objectives of this Act.

8 **SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of this Act is
9 declared unconstitutional or inoperative, the other provisions not so
10 declared shall remain in force and effect.

11 **SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
12 regulations or parts thereof contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of this
13 Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

14 **SEC. 9. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
15 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
16 circulation.

17 *Approved,*

House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 10518

(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 1568,3451,3587, and 6325)

(Approved by the Committee on March 11, 2026)

AN ACT

**INTEGRATING TREE PLANTING PLAN AS AN ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT
FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS**

Introduced by Representatives Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Dante S. Garcia, Kenneth Paolo Tereng, Jane T. Castro, Carmelo G. Lazatin Jr., Ma. Georgina P. De Venecia, Edwin L. Gardiola, Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr., Iris Marie Demesa Montes, Atty. Jennifer “Karen” A. Lagbas, and Noel “Bong” N. Rivera

Committee Referral: **SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION**

Committee Chairperson: **REP. NOEL “BONG” N. RIVERA**

OBJECTIVE:

- To ensure that all construction and development activities are balanced with environmental protection, ecological sustainability, and greening efforts by making a Tree Planting Plan, a mandatory prerequisite before a building permit is issued.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Applies to all building permit applications for new construction, additions, alterations, and major repairs under Presidential Decree No. 1096, otherwise known as the National Building Code of the Philippines. Excludes traditional indigenous family dwellings and projects exempted by the Code and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.
- Mandates submission to the concerned Local Government Unit (LGU) Office of the Building Official alongside other requirements.
- Includes as minimum contents the total lot/project floor area, planting area layout, specified number of trees, and use of endemic species.
- Requires the planting of one (1) tree per 500 sqm of lot area for commercial/industrial buildings.

- Requires the planting of one (1) tree per 250 sqm for residential buildings/developments.
- Mandates the Department of Public Works and Highways to integrate TPP requirement into building permit processes and forms.
- Mandates the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to provide consultations and technical standards for species selection, planting, and maintenance.
- Mandates the Department of Interior and Local Government to oversee LGUs' compliance and capacity-building initiatives.
- Directs the DPWH and DENR, in coordination with DILG and the Department of Agriculture, to promulgate rules within sixty (60) days of effectivity.

RELATED LAWS:

- Presidential Decree No. 1096 (National Building Code of the Philippines): Governs building construction standards and processes, under which this Act's requirements are integrated.
- Presidential Decree No. 1152 (Philippine Environmental Code): Provides the legal framework for environmental protection, aligning with the Act's policy on a balanced ecology.
- Republic Act No. 9729 (Climate Change Act of 2009): Mandates measures to mitigate climate change, which this Act supports through tree planting for carbon sequestration and environmental protection.
- Executive Order No. 26 (National Greening Program): A government initiative to expand forest covers and promote sustainable development, complementing the Act's tree planting requirements.