



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES GULLAS, ARROYO (I.), MIRAFLORES AND DEL MAR,
PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1921

AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LANDS OF THE PUBLIC
DOMAIN LOCATED IN THE CITY OF NAGA, PROVINCE OF
CEBU AS AGRICULTURAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR
AGRICULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL
OR OTHER PRODUCTIVE PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Agricultural Lands.* – Certain parcels of
2 lands of the public domain covered by Land Classification (LC) Project 39-B,
3 with a total area of seven thousand one hundred ninety-six and 8/100
4 (7,196.08) hectares and within the area described in LC Map No. 3048 of
5 Naga, Cebu, dated January 17, 1986, are hereby declared agricultural lands
6 open to disposition for agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial or other
7 productive purposes.

8 SEC. 2. *Disposition of the Agricultural Lands.* – The Department of
9 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall alienate the agricultural
10 lands identified in the preceding section through the issuance of a free patent,

1 regardless of the identified uses or purposes of the lots being applied for, to
2 any citizen of the Philippines who has continuously occupied and/or cultivated
3 either by himself or through his predecessors-in-interest or who shall have paid
4 the real estate tax thereon while the same has not been occupied by any other
5 person for at least ten (10) years prior to the approval of this Act, not to exceed
6 twelve (12) hectares per applicant: *Provided*, That the DENR shall reserve and
7 award lands or lots to the City Government of Naga, its barangays and other
8 agencies of the national government for essential public and quasi-public
9 purposes and/or services such as school buildings, roads, public plazas,
10 waterworks system, health centers and similar offices and purposes: *Provided*,
11 *moreover*, That any title that may be issued over lands for purposes of the
12 agencies of the national government and for quasi-public purposes shall be in
13 the name of the Republic of the Philippines: *Provided, finally*, That the
14 mangrove areas, likewise identified and delineated in the said LC Map
15 No. 3048 of Naga, Cebu, and the stretch of land, twenty (20) meters width,
16 from both banks of rivers, creeks and natural depression that serve as
17 waterways shall be preserved as permanent forestland and shall be planted with
18 indigenous tree species, to be maintained at all times by the DENR and the
19 local government of the City of Naga, Province of Cebu.

20 The provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 141, otherwise known as the
21 *Public Land Act*, as amended, not inconsistent herewith, shall be applicable:
22 *Provided*, That for residential lots within the built-up areas, the actual
23 occupants shall be given priority to apply for titles and to be issued a free
24 patent pursuant to this Act.

25 **SEC. 3. *Preservation of Ecological Balance.*** – The final use of the
26 herein declared agricultural lands shall not in any way prejudice ecological
27 balance, and the removal of timber and other forest products therein shall
28 continue to be subject to forestry laws and regulations.

1 SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of the
2 DENR, in coordination with the local government of the City of Naga,
3 Province of Cebu shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement
4 the provisions of this Act.

5 SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders and
6 other executive issuances which are inconsistent with or contrary to the
7 provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

8 SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
9 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general
10 circulation.

Approved,

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