



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1063

BY REPRESENTATIVES RODRIGUEZ (R.), RODRIGUEZ (M.) AND MATUGAS

AN ACT IMPOSING A LOGGING BAN IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY

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

1 SECTION 1. *Statement of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to
2 protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology
3 in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. Towards this end, the State
4 shall protect the people and the environment from the adverse effects of
5 logging.

6 SEC. 2. *Imposition of a Logging Ban in Cagayan de Oro City.* – A
7 logging ban is hereby imposed within the territorial jurisdiction of Cagayan de
8 Oro City.

9 For the purpose of this Act, logging shall refer to the process, work or
10 business of cutting down trees for commercial purposes: *Provided,* That the
11 harvesting of planted species within tree plantations in public and private lands
12 and the necessary clearing or tree-cutting activities related to projects
13 approved by the government and only for basic services such as, but not
14 limited to, energy and power development, public works or water utilities, are
15 exempted from the coverage of this Act: *Provided, however,* That any such

1 harvesting or cutting of tree species shall comply with all pertinent forestry and
2 environmental laws such as, but not limited to, Presidential Decree No. 705,
3 otherwise known as the "Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines", as
4 amended; Presidential Decree No. 1586, otherwise known as "Environmental
5 Impact Statement System"; and other laws and applicable rules and
6 regulations.

7 *SEC. 3. Penal Provisions.* – Any person, employer or employment
8 agency who shall violate the provisions of this Act shall be penalized with
9 imprisonment of at least six (6) years but not more than twelve (12) years and
10 a fine of at least One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) but not more than
11 Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00). If the violator is a corporation or
12 association, the president and the manager/s of said corporation or association,
13 or its agent or representative in the Philippines, in the case of a foreign
14 corporation or association, shall be held liable.

15 *SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of the
16 Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall, within three (3)
17 months following the effectivity of this Act, promulgate the necessary rules
18 and regulations for its effective implementation.

19 *SEC. 5. Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act
20 is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not
21 affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

22 *SEC. 6. Repealing Clause.* – All laws, orders, issuances, rules and
23 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
24 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

25 *SEC. 7. Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
26 days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,