



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES ROMUALDO AND MATUGAS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT  
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AN ACT SIMPLIFYING THE PROCEDURE IN THE DISPOSITION OF  
PUBLIC AGRICULTURAL LANDS, AMENDING SECTION 24 OF  
COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 141, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
"THE PUBLIC LAND ACT"

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

1           SECTION I. Section 24 of Commonwealth Act No. 141 is hereby  
2 amended to read as follows:

3                   "Sec. 24. Lands sold under the provisions of this chapter  
4 must be appraised IN ACCORDANCE with section one hundred  
5 and sixteen of this Act. The [Director of Lands] DEPARTMENT  
6 OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) shall  
7 announce the sale thereof by publishing the proper notice once a  
8 week for [six] TWO consecutive weeks in the Official Gazette,  
9 and in two newspapers one published in Manila and the other  
10 published in the municipality or in the province where the lands  
11 are located, or in a neighboring province, and the same notice

1 shall be posted on the bulletin board of the [Bureau of Lands]  
2 DENR in Manila, and in the most conspicuous place in the  
3 provincial building and the municipal building of the province  
4 and municipality, respectively, where the land is located, and, if  
5 practicable, on the land itself; but if the value of the land does  
6 not exceed [two hundred and forty] FIFTY THOUSAND pesos, the  
7 publication in the Official Gazette and newspapers may be  
8 omitted. The notices shall be published [one] in English [and  
9 the other in Spanish or in the local dialect,] and shall fix a date  
10 [not earlier than sixty] THIRTY days after the date of the notice  
11 upon which the land will be awarded to the highest bidder, or  
12 public bids will be called for, or other action will be taken as  
13 provided in this chapter.”

14 SEC. 2. All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and  
15 regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or  
16 modified accordingly.

17 SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural  
18 Resources (DENR) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to  
19 implement the provisions of this Act.

20 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
21 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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