



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES ROMUALDO, TY, PANGANIBAN, PRIMICIAS-AGABAS  
AND MARCOLETA

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

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

1 the province where the lands are located, or in a neighboring  
2 province, and the same notice shall be posted on the bulletin  
3 board of the [Bureau of Lands] **CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE**  
4 **DENR** in Manila, and in the most conspicuous place in the  
5 provincial building and the municipal building of the province  
6 and municipality, respectively, where the land is located, and, if  
7 practicable, on the land itself; but if the value of the land does  
8 not exceed [two hundred and forty] **FIFTY THOUSAND** pesos, the  
9 publication in the *Official Gazette* and newspapers may be  
10 omitted. The notices shall be published [one] in English [and  
11 the other in Spanish or in the local dialect,] and [shall fix a date  
12 [not earlier than sixty] **THIRTY** days after the date of the notice  
13 upon which the land will be awarded to the highest bidder, or  
14 public bids will be called for, or other action will be taken as  
15 provided in this chapter] **SHALL STATE THAT THE SALE SHALL**  
16 **BE HELD ON A DATE AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS FROM THE DATE**  
17 **OF THE NOTICE."**

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19 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or  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

21 SEC. 3. The Secretary of the DENR shall promulgate the necessary  
22 rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

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

Approved,

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