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

*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  
2 “Green Building Act”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State shall protect  
4 and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful  
5 ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.  
6 Towards this end, the State shall promote the planting of trees to  
7 enhance environmental quality, mitigate the effects of climate  
8 change, and preserve the environment for present and future  
9 generations.

10 SEC. 3. *Tree Planting Requirement for Permits.* – All  
11 applicants for building permits of residential, commercial,

1 industrial and public building development projects are hereby  
2 required to submit a Tree Planting Plan (TPP) in addition to  
3 the other requirements imposed by local government units.

4 Any person, firm, corporation, department, office, bureau,  
5 agency or instrumentality of the government intending  
6 to construct, alter, repair, or convert any building or structure,  
7 is required to set aside, and properly maintain in said property  
8 areas adequate for planting and maintaining trees and flora.

9 The TPP shall be a simple plan containing the following:

10 (a) Total area of the project;

11 (b) Indicative layout of the area/s to be planted;

12 (c) Number of trees to be planted, taking into account  
13 the ratio of at least one (1) tree for every five hundred (500)  
14 square meters for commercial or industrial projects or one (1)  
15 tree for every two hundred fifty (250) square meters for housing  
16 development projects;

17 (d) The species to be planted; and

18 (e) The construction and design of said areas for trees  
19 and flora, which shall give emphasis to the façade of the structure  
20 and all communal areas.

21 SEC. 4. *Preference for Indigenous Species.* – The TPP  
22 required under Section 3 hereof shall give preference to indigenous  
23 species of trees, taking into account the location, climate and  
24 topography of the area.

25 SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty  
26 (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department  
27 of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), in coordination

1 with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)  
2 and the Department of Agriculture (DA), shall issue the necessary  
3 implementing rules and regulations to carry out the objectives  
4 of this Act.

5         SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive  
6 orders, letters of implementation, rules and regulations or part or  
7 parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby  
8 repealed, modified, superseded or amended accordingly.

9         SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.* - Should any portion  
10 or provision of this Act be declared unconstitutional or invalid  
11 by a competent court, the other provisions hereof shall continue  
12 to be in force.

13         SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)  
14 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper  
15 of general circulation.

Approved,

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