



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5705

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIRAFLORES, BANAAG, LAGBAS, ZAMORA (M.) AND
GIDAYA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1849

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TIMBABAN
HYDROPOWER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WITHIN THE
AKLAN RIVER WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE IN
BARANGAY MARIA CRISTINA, MUNICIPALITY OF MADALAG,
PROVINCE OF AKLAN

*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, support
4 shall be extended for the development, conservation, rehabilitation and
5 protection of the watershed and water resources of the Aklan River Watershed
6 Forest Reserve to promote its potential as a major source of energy for the
7 development of a hydropower project.

8 SEC. 2. *Establishment of Timbaban Hydropower Development Project.*
9 – A hydropower development project, to be known as the Timbaban
10 Hydropower Development Projects, is hereby authorized to be established within

1 the Aklan River Watershed Forest Reserve, an initial component of the
2 National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) in accordance with
3 Section 5(a) of Republic Act No. 7586. The Timbaban Hydropower
4 Development Project shall cover an area approximately one thousand eight
5 hundred seventy-two and 50/100 hectares (1,872.50 has.), more specifically a
6 portion of Timberland, Block-A, Project No. 2-A per LC Map No. 2928, under
7 FAO No. 4-1535 dated October 15, 1980, located within the territorial
8 jurisdiction of Barangay Maria Cristina, Municipality of Madalag, Province of
9 Aklan.

10 *SEC. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of
11 Environment and Natural Resources, in coordination with the Department of
12 Energy, the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples and concerned
13 sector, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
14 implementation of this Act.

15 *SEC. 4. Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
16 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or
17 amended accordingly.

18 *SEC. 5. Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
19 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any two national newspapers of
20 general circulation.

Approved,

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