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HOUSE BILL NO. 6930  
(In substitution to HB Nos. 371, 464, 1340, & 3733)

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Introduced by Reps. Eric L. Olivarez, Elisa Olga T. Kho, M.D., Mark O. Go, Tyrone D. Agabas, Jose Antonio "Kuya" R. Sy-Alvarado, Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang, Elias C. Bulut Jr., Eric Go Yap, Solomon R. Chungalao, Cyrille "Beng" Abueg-Zaldivar, Eufemia "Ka Femia" C. Cullamat, Joseph Stephen "Caraps" S. Paduano, Abdullah D. Dimaporo, Joey Sarte Salceda, Francisco Jose "Bingo" F. Matugas II, Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga, Henry S. Oaminal, Roman T. Romulo, Maricel G. Natividad-Nagano, M.D., Alfonso V. Umali, Jr., Angelo Marcos Barba, and Michael Edgar V. Aglipay

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2 **AN ACT**  
3 **REQUIRING PARENTS TO PLANT TWO (2) TREES FOR EVERY CHILD BORN TO**  
4 **THEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**  
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6 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress*  
7 *assembled:*

8 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the "Family Tree Planting Act."

9 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** - It is the declared policy of the State to protect and  
10 advance the right of the Filipino people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the  
11 rhythm and harmony of nature. Towards this end, the State shall promote and pursue  
12 reforestation programs and encourage tree planting as part of the family's responsibility and  
13 legacy to protect the environment and conserve our natural resources for the future generation.

14 **SEC. 3. *Mandatory Tree Planting.*** - All parents residing in the Philippines whether  
15 legally married or not, shall be required to plant two (2) trees for every child born to them.  
16 These trees shall be planted within the premises of their own home or in an area to be designated  
17 by the Barangay Council where they reside, with the approval of the Department of Environment  
18 and Natural Resources (DENR). The planted species should be appropriate to the location,

1 climate and topography of the area, with preference for the planting of indigenous species and  
2 fruit-bearing trees.

3         **SEC. 4. *Provision of Seedlings.*** – The Community Environment and Natural Resources  
4 Office (CENRO) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the  
5 Department of Agriculture (DA), in partnership with local government units (LGUs) throughout  
6 the Philippines, shall maintain a seedling bank that will serve as a ready source of seedlings to be  
7 provided to parents planting the tree under this Act.

8         **SEC. 5. *Tree Planting as a Requirement for Birth Certificate Release.*** - To ensure  
9 compliance with this Act, the Local Civil Registry where the birth of the child shall be  
10 registered, must only release the Certificate of Live Birth of the child upon the presentation of  
11 the parents' sworn statement of compliance. The affidavit must be sworn to before the Punong  
12 Barangay if the trees were planted within the premises of the barangay; or before the DENR  
13 officer concerned if the trees were planted in a government-designated area outside the barangay  
14 where the family resides. Planting of the trees must be done within thirty (30) days after the  
15 child's birth.

16         **SEC. 6. *Appropriations.*** The DENR Secretary shall include in the Department's program  
17 the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
18 Appropriations Act.

19         **SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The DENR shall, in consultation with  
20 the DA, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and the Department of Social Welfare and  
21 Development (DSWD), promulgate the implementing rules and regulations within sixty (60)  
22 days from the approval of this Act.

1           **SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.*** Should any portion or provision of this Act be declared  
2 unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the other portions or provisions hereof will  
3 remain in full force and effect.

4           **SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws, decrees, executive orders, letters of  
5 implementation, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act  
6 are hereby repealed, modified, superseded or amended accordingly.

7           **SEC. 10. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
8 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

9           *Approved,*