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HOUSE BILL NO. 7763  
(In substitution of House Bills Numbered 528, 685, 1356, & 3855)

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Introduced by Reps. Joseph Stephen “Caraps” S. Paduano, Michael Edgar V. Aglipay, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Tyrone D. Agabas, Elias C. Bulut, Jr., Solomon R. Chungalao, Alfonso V. Umali, Jr., Angelo Marcos Barba, Joey Sarte Salceda, Eduardo C. Villanueva, Domingo Rivera, Eric L. Olivarez and Edward Vera Perez Maceda

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AN ACT  
MANDATING THE SUBMISSION OF A TREE PLANTING PLAN AS A  
REQUIREMENT IN THE APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMITS

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

**SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “Green Measures Act”.

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

**SEC. 3. *Tree Planting Requirement for Permits.*** – All applicants for building permits of residential, commercial, industrial and public building development projects are hereby mandated to submit a Tree Planting Plan (TPP) in addition to other requirements imposed by local government units.

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

23 The TPP shall be a simple plan containing the following:  
24 a) Total area of the project;  
25 b) Indicative lay-out of the area/s to be planted;  
26 c) Number of trees to be planted, taking into account the ratio of at least one (1) tree  
27 for every five hundred (500) square meters for commercial or industrial projects or one (1)  
28 tree for every two hundred fifty (250) square meters for housing and development projects;  
29 d) Species to be planted; and  
30 e) Construction and design of said areas for trees and flora, which shall give emphasis  
31 to the façade of the structure and all communal areas.

32 **SEC. 4. *Preference for Indigenous Species.*** - The TPP required under Section 3  
33 hereof, shall give preference to indigenous species of trees, taking into account the location,  
34 climate and topography of the area. However, the use of non-vigorously growing endemic  
35 ornamental plants or trees and fruit bearing trees is recommended for residential lots.

36 **SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within sixty (60) days from the  
37 effectivity of this Act, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), in  
38 coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the  
39 Department of Agriculture (DA), shall issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations  
40 to carry out the objectives of this Act.

41 **SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.*** - Should any portion or provision of this Act be declared  
42 unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the other provisions hereof shall continue to  
43 be enforced.

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

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

49 *Approved,*