



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 691

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

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:*

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

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

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

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regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or  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

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

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

Approved,

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