



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In 2004, then President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo signed Proclamation No. 602 declaring as eco-tourism park and campsite a certain parcel of land of the public domain located in Barangay Lubigan and Moriones in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Tarlac.

This bill seeks the reclassification of the aforementioned parcel of land into agricultural land open to disposition under the provisions of the Public Land Act. The reclassification of the land previously declared as eco-tourism park and campsite into disposable agricultural land aims to develop and promote sustainable economic development and tourism in the area, encouraging people to use, develop, manage, protect and conserve the environment and natural resources, and cultural heritage of Tarlac.

The reclassification is intended to stimulate private investments including eco-tourism resort, parks, hotels, stores, and restaurants. Such increase in economic and tourism activities would be very beneficial for a landlocked province such as Tarlac. It would help supplement the province's primary economic activity, which is agricultural and fish production.

The increase in economic and tourism activities would generate more jobs and higher income for the people in the area, and would hopefully lead to better conservation, preservation and enhancement of the natural resources and cultural heritage in the eco-tourism park and campsite.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
RECLASSIFYING AS AGRICULTURAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC LAND ACT, AS AMENDED, THE LAND COVERED BY PROCLAMATION NO. 602, DATED APRIL 12, 2004, DECLARING AS ECO-TOURISM PARK AND CAMPSITE PURPOSES A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED IN BARANGAYS LUBIGAN, MORIONES AND IBA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF TARLAC

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

SECTION 1. A portion of the land covered by Proclamation No. 602, dated April 12, 2004, declaring as eco-tourism park and campsite purposes a certain parcel of land of the public domain situated in Barangays Lubigan, Moriones and Iba in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Tarlac, is hereby reclassified as agricultural land open to disposition under the provisions of the Public Land Act, as amended, which portion is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point marked "1" being, N 31-52-49 W, 387.86 meters from TRC-75 (Philippine Reference System '92 Control Point: Latitude 15-26-10.48243", Longitude 120-25-47.36798"), Barangay Lubigan, San Jose, Province of Tarlac:

thence	N 21-48-19 E	71.848	meters to corner 2;
thence	S 82-45-12 E	69.367	meters to corner 3;
thence	S 7-23-35 E	43.108	meters to corner 4;
thence	S 8-44-15 W	55.646	meters to corner 5;
thence	S 2-8-56 E	69.174	meters to corner 6;
thence	S 25-5-9 E	62.799	meters to corner 7;
thence	S 88-12-16 E	87.762	meters to corner 8;
thence	N 49-43-51 E	188.356	meters to corner 9;
thence	N 3-15-45 E	31.301	meters to corner 10;
thence	N 28-30-54 W	76.392	meters to corner 11;
thence	N 2-45-26 W	57.817	meters to corner 12;
thence	N 62-42-27 E	58.338	meters to corner 13;

1	thence	N 7-27-49 E	99.72	meters to corner 14;
2	thence	N 82-6-41 W	166.671	meters to corner 15;
3	thence	N 59-26-34 W	63.435	meters to corner 16;
4	thence	N 19-33-45 W	75.084	meters to corner 17;
5	thence	N 43-8-9 W	59.44	meters to corner 18;
6	thence	N 63-59-8 W	85.785	meters to corner 19;
7	thence	N 76-37-29 W	20.707	meters to corner 20;
8	thence	N 27-23-57 W	1.987	meters to corner 21;
9	thence	N 50-16-0 E	243.55	meters to corner 22;
10	thence	N 20-56-59 W	229.704	meters to corner 23;
11	thence	N 67-4-59 E	411.414	meters to corner 24;
12	thence	S 5-20-22 W	116.47	meters to corner 25;
13	thence	N 80-12-32 W	50.761	meters to corner 26;
14	thence	S 32-19-15 W	26.477	meters to corner 27;
15	thence	S 11-33-12 E	46.186	meters to corner 28;
16	thence	S 23-34-42 E	48.281	meters to corner 29;
17	thence	S 42-20-15 E	29.255	meters to corner 30;
18	thence	S 57-34-4 E	37.12	meters to corner 31;
19	thence	S 69-43-21 E	0.161	meters to corner 32;
20	thence	S 43-40-4 E	41.912	meters to corner 33;
21	thence	S 57-27-22 W	0.326	meters to corner 34;
22	thence	S 35-2-57 E	24.178	meters to corner 35;
23	thence	S 5-44-23 E	42.965	meters to corner 36;
24	thence	S 3-26-15 W	28.927	meters to corner 37;
25	thence	S 37-19-35 E	91.015	meters to corner 38;
26	thence	S 59-25-50 E	53.335	meters to corner 39;
27	thence	S 15-35-50 E	48.408	meters to corner 40;
28	thence	S 64-16-1 W	33.684	meters to corner 41;
29	thence	N 80-21-7 W	25.359	meters to corner 42;
30	thence	N 55-57-11 W	59.835	meters to corner 43;
31	thence	N 46-36-55 W	40.763	meters to corner 44;
32	thence	N 86-42-16 W	32.616	meters to corner 45;
33	thence	S 40-8-11 W	43.655	meters to corner 46;
34	thence	S 0-58-36 W	57.758	meters to corner 47;
35	thence	S 8-12-39 E	39.278	meters to corner 48;
36	thence	S 70-10-9 E	62.271	meters to corner 49;
37	thence	N 87-12-40 E	56.52	meters to corner 50;
38	thence	N 82-50-45 E	53.195	meters to corner 51;

1	thence	N 84-2-27 E	103.544	meters to corner 52;
2	thence	N 72-29-12 E	43.615	meters to corner 53;
3	thence	N 79-50-10 E	71.545	meters to corner 54;
4	thence	S 88-56-51 E	47.633	meters to corner 55;
5	thence	S 78-9-12 E	39.577	meters to corner 56;
6	thence	S 70-13-18 E	41.516	meters to corner 57;
7	thence	S 11-39-10 W	99.647	meters to corner 58;
8	thence	S 39-2-8 E	252.064	meters to corner 59;
9	thence	N 88-27-7 E	195.863	meters to corner 60;
10	thence	S 33-1-26 W	252.452	meters to corner 61;
11	thence	S 38-8-48 E	188.099	meters to corner 62;
12	thence	S 51-11-25 E	30.733	meters to corner 63;
13	thence	S 20-22-53 W	0.403	meters to corner 64;
14	thence	S 74-17-56 W	39.262	meters to corner 65;
15	thence	S 4-54-9 W	36.383	meters to corner 66;
16	thence	S 51-24-13 E	61.715	meters to corner 67;
17	thence	S 72-10-5 E	56.331	meters to corner 68;
18	thence	S 75-41-13 E	54.101	meters to corner 69;
19	thence	S 88-59-52 E	32.164	meters to corner 70;
20	thence	S 51-11-24 E	205.555	meters to corner 71;
21	thence	S 51-48-59 W	434.637	meters to corner 72;
22	thence	N 61-53-55 W	395.305	meters to corner 73;
23	thence	N 39-37-41 W	173.319	meters to corner 74;
24	thence	N 71-45-44 W	284.75	meters to corner 75;
25	thence	S 86-24-0 W	382.99	meters to corner 76;
26	thence	N 48-5-44 W	570.048	meters to corner 77;
27	thence	S 88-21-0 E	279.13	meters to corner 78;
28	thence	N 7-19-0 W	49.698	meters to corner 79;

29 containing an area of 120.00 hectares, more or less.

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31 **SEC. 2.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall issue a
32 free patent to any Filipino applicant and shall give priority to the candidate who has continuously
33 occupied or cultivated, or has paid real estate taxes for the tract of land applied for, while the
34 land has not been occupied by any other person, for at least three (3) years prior to the approval
35 of this Act, not to exceed twelve (12) hectares for each qualified applicant: *Provided*, That prior
36 to the disposition of any parcel to individual applicants, the DENR shall segregate, alienate or
37 reserve appropriate areas, consistent with the provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 141 or the
38 Public Land Act, as amended; Republic Act No. 730, entitled: "An Act to Permit the Sale

1 Without Public Auction of Public Lands of the Republic of the Philippines for Residential
2 Purposes to Qualified Applicants Under Certain Conditions”: *Provided, further,* That the
3 identification of areas for public and quasi-public purposes shall be undertaken jointly with the
4 concerned government agencies or local government units: *Provided, finally,* That the title over
5 tracts of land for public and quasi-public purposes shall be in the name of the Republic of the
6 Philippines, except the area actually used, developed and managed by the provincial government
7 for campsite and ecotourism purposes, which shall be titled in the name of the Province of
8 Tarlac.

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10 **SEC. 3.** The area described in Section 1 of this Act is hereby excluded from the coverage
11 of Section 16 of Presidential Decree No. 705 or the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines, as
12 amended which prohibits the classification of certain lands as alienable or disposable: *Provided,*
13 *however,* That the removal of timber and other forest products and utilization of other natural
14 resources in the parcel of land shall be subject to existing forestry and other environmental
15 protection laws, rules and regulations: *Provided, further,* That a twenty (20)-meter protection
16 zone along the banks of any river or stream, which has a width of at least fifty (50) meters, shall
17 be delineated by the DENR on the ground and shall retain their classification as forestland, prior
18 to disposition of any parcel of agricultural land to private applicants.

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20 **SEC. 4.** Within six (6) months from the approval of this Act, the DENR Secretary shall
21 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation. The provisions
22 of the Public Land Act pertaining to the distribution of public lands and issuance of land titles,
23 insofar as they are not inconsistent therewith, shall apply.

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25 **SEC. 5.** If any section of this Act is declared unconstitutional, such declaration shall not
26 affect in any manner the other parts of this Act.

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28 **SEC. 6.** Presidential Proclamation No.602, dated April 12, 2004 is hereby repealed. All
29 other laws, decrees, proclamations or issuances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this
30 Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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

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35 Approved,