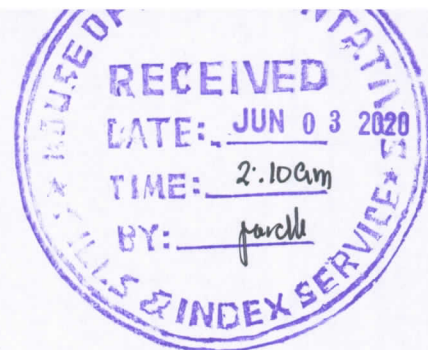


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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session



**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 357**

Submitted by the Special Committee on Reforestation and the Committee on Appropriations on **JUN 03 2020**  
Re : **HOUSE BILL NO. 6930**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 371, 464, 1340 and 3733  
Sponsors: Representatives Elias C. Bulut, Jr., Eric Go Yap, Eric L. Olivarez, Elsa "Olga" T. Kho, M.D., Mark O. Go, Tyrone D. Agabas

Mr. Speaker:

The Special Committee on Reforestation and the Committee on Appropriations, to which were referred House Bill No. 371, introduced by Rep. Eric L. Olivarez, entitled:

**AN ACT**  
**REQUIRING PARENTS TO PLANT TWO (2) TREES FOR EVERY CHILD BORN TO THEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

House Bill No. 464, introduced by Rep. Elisa "Olga" T. Kho, M.D., entitled:

**AN ACT**  
**REQUIRING PARENTS TO PLANT ONE TREE FOR EVERY CHILD BORN TO THEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

House Bill No. 1340, introduced by Rep. Mark O. Go, entitled:

**AN ACT**  
**REQUIRING FAMILIES TO PLANT TWO (2) TREES FOR EVERY CHILD BORN TO THEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

House Bill No. 3733, introduced by Rep. Tyrone D. Agabas, entitled:


**AN ACT**  
**REQUIRING PARENTS TO PLANT TWO (2) TREES FOR EVERY CHILD BORN TO THEM**


have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **6930**, entitled:

**AN ACT  
REQUIRING PARENTS TO PLANT TWO (2) TREES FOR EVERY  
CHILD BORN TO THEM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 371, 464, 1340 and 3733 with 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 as authors thereof

Respectfully submitted:

  
**ERIC GO YAP**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Appropriations

  
**ELIAS C. BULUT, JR.**  
Chairperson  
Special Committee on Reforestation

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(In substitution to HB Nos. 371, 464, 1340, & 3733)

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2 **AN ACT**  
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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,

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

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

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

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

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



# House of Representatives Committee Affairs Department

## FACT SHEET

### House Bill No. 6930

As approved at the Committee level on 17 December 2019

## FAMILY TREE PLANTING ACT

*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 G. Yap, Solomon R. Chungalao, Cyrille "Beng" Abueg-Zaldivar, Eufemia "Ka Femia" C. Cullamat, Joseph Stephen "Caraps" S. Paduano and Abdullah D. Dimaporo

*Committee Referral:* SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION  
*Committee Chairperson:* REP. ELIAS C. BULUT, JR.

### OBJECTIVES:

- To develop people's awareness of climate change and the need for reforestation crusade of the State.
- To encourage tree planting as part of the family's concern and responsibility, and make them partners in the solution for global warming problem.

### KEY PROVISIONS:

- Mandates parents to plant two (2) trees for every child born to them, as a requirement for the release of birth certificate.
- Provides that the planted species should be appropriate to the location, climate, and topography of the area with preference to indigenous species, and high value crops.

### RELATED LAWS:

- Presidential Decree No. 1153 – *Requiring The Planting of One Tree Every Month For Five Consecutive Years By Every Citizen of the Philippines*
- Section 8 of RA 10176 – "An Act reviving the observance of Arbor Day by Authorizing the LGUs the responsibilities for celebrating the day for tree planting as annual event" which provides "xxx All able bodied citizens of the Philippines, who are at least 12 years of age, shall be required to plant every year
- Section 1 of PD 953 – "Requiring the planting of trees in certain places and penalizing the unauthorized cutting, destruction, damaging and injuring of certain tress, plants and vegetation, xxx