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Introduced by **Rep. JOSEPH STEPHEN PADUANO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipal Government of Salvador Benedicto in the Province of Negros Occidental exists pursuant to Batas Pambansa Blg. (BP) 336 which was enacted on 09 February 1983. The town occupies portion of the Northern Negros Forest Reserve where most of its facilities, including its municipal government buildings are situated.

A townsite for a municipality like the Salvador Bendicto is indispensable for its development programs and land use plan as a local government unit. However, the townsite was not specifically defined and accorded to Salvador Benedicto when BP 336 was enacted.

The townsite reservation as requested by the aforesaid municipality covers an area of two hundred (200) hectares more or less, per plan MR-06-00006, which was approved on 01 August 1995 by the Regional Technical Director for Land Management Services, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Regional Office VI. This approved plan covers a portion of North Negros Forest Reserve (NNRFR) and a portion of alienable and disposable area under Project No. 7-F.L.C. Map No. 2073, as certified on 13 February 1957.

After so many years, now is the time that official delineation and segregation of such site be determined for the Municipality of Salvador Benedicto to move on without defying existing laws and policies on land utilization. After having complied with the requisites for the reservation of the aforesaid parcel of land of public domain into a townsite and finding all the documents in order, it is but proper and fitting that the segregation of the subject identified parcel of land covering two hundred hectares (200 has.) be given due course through the passage of this bill.

This proposed measure has been filed, favorably acted by the concerned Committee, approved by the House on Third and Final Reading, and consequently transmitted to the Senate for its action during the 14th and 15th Congresses. It was also favorably acted by the concerned Senate Committee but its consequent approval by the Senate was stalled by the *sine die* adjournments of both Congresses.

Hence, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AN AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR TOWN SITE PURPOSE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SALVADOR BENEDICTO, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Salvador Benedicto Municipal Town Site Act of 2016".

SEC. 2. A parcel of land of the public domain located at Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Salvador Benedicto, Province of Negros Occidental, is hereby declared an agricultural land for town site purpose of said municipality. The said parcel of land, containing an area of two hundred (200) hectares, subject to actual ground survey and private rights, if there be any, is more particularly described as follows:

"A parcel of land (Plan of Land MR-06-00006), situated in the Poblacion, Municipality of Salvador Benedicto, Province of Negros Occidental, Island of Negros.

Bounded on the SE, along line 1-2 by Lot 1; along line 2-3 by Lot 2; along line 3-4 by Lot 3; along line 4-5 by Lot 4; along line 5-6 by Lot 5; along line 6-7 by Lot 24; along line 7-8 by Lot 26; on the S, along 8-9 by Lot 27; on the SW, along 9-10 by Lot 3225; along line 10-11-12 by Lot 3296, all of Pls-675; San Carlos on the NW & NE; along lines 12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-1 by Northern Negros Forest Reserve.

Beginning at a point marked "I" on plan being, N. 64-09 WE., 23130.46 metres from BLLM#1, Pls-675, San Carlos thence:

S. 33-2 ; W., 275.20 m to pt. 2;
S. 35-0 ; W., 21.79 m to pt. 3;
S. 34-55; W., 59.58 m to pt. 4;
S. 60-37; W., 126.69 m to pt. 5;
S. 26-41; W., 221.82 m to pt. 6;

S. 56-49; W., 230.69 m to pt. 7;
S. 38-24; W., 215.14 m to pt. 8;
S. 84-55; W., 255.83 m to pt. 9;
N. 28-18; W., 790.00 m to pt. 10;
N. 28-18; W., 790.00 m to pt. 10;
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Containing an area of two million (2,000,000) square meters, more or less, all corners referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground as follows: Points 10-11-13 to 19 P.S. cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x40cm., and the rest by old points, bearing true, surveyed by Engr. Ponciano S. Bautista, on June 24, 1992 to July 24, 1993 and approved on august 01, 1995 by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Regional Office VI.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall include in the department's program the establishment of the townsite and shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. If any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 5. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and regulations or part thereof inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect up[on its approval.

Approved,