

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 9220



Introduced by REP. FAUSTINO 'INNO' A. DY V

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the unclassified forestlands located in Barangay Burgos in the Municipality of San Guillermo, Province of Isabela, as alienable and disposable lands for agricultural, residential, and other commercial purposes, except those portions covered by the government's environment protection and natural resources conservation programs.

With the passing of time, these areas have been inhabited in good faith by several communities. Housing units have been erected, institutional and social centers have been established, and development has overtaken these unclassified forestlands.

Forestlands are public domain and have not undergone the evaluation process for purposes of reclassification. They remain inalienable, leaving the present occupants without the benefit of complete ownership over their occupied land. It is about time that these people who have devoted their lives on these lands, poured their energy and resources in building structures to establish communities and social order, and fostered development in the areas, be given the opportunity to be at peace with the assurance that they cannot just be driven out from the land they call home. This is possible only when they are given rightful claim over the lands they have worked hard for in good faith. Reclassification is the crucial initial step to perfect their claim over the lands.

For the barangays, municipality, and the province, this proposed conversion will serve as an important milestone towards further development. This step is in accord with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan of San Guillermo which has been an important direction that the municipality has been tirelessly promoting.

With this proposed measure, the occupants-beneficiaries will have the opportunity to own the lands they occupy after the required survey, delineation and classification. This is in consonance with the principles of social justice and sustainable economic development as enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution. Furthermore, with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources as the state manager of protected areas, the present

generation will be able to fulfill its intergenerational duty to conserve and manage the environment under a “protect, participate, and profit” strategy.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.



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AN ACT
DECLARING UNCLASSIFIED FORESTLANDS LOCATED IN BARANGAY
BURGOS, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN GUILLERMO, PROVINCE OF ISABELA AS
ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LANDS FOR AGRICULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL
AND OTHER COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The unclassified forestlands located in Barangay Burgos in the Municipality of San Guillermo, Province of Isabela, are hereby declared as alienable and disposable lands for agricultural, residential and other commercial purposes, subject to actual survey and delineation, consisting of about one thousand seven hundred forty one and 4,130/10,000 (1,741.4130) hectares which are more particularly described as follows:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE	COR	DESCRIPTION
1-2	N.58°25'E.	1,733.48M.	1	BBM No. 57
2-3	S.15°27'W.	1,036.80M.	2	STAKE
3-4	S.38°43'E.	4,181.34M.	3	STAKE
4-5	S.89°03'W.	5,595.01M.	4	STAKE
5-6	S.89°07'W.	118.78M.	5	B.L.
6-7	S.85°37'W.	217.31M.	6	B.L.
7-8	N.10°52'E.	113.62M.	7	B.L.
8-9	S.10°52'W.	113.62M.	8	BBM. No. 38
9-10	N.00°08'W.	305.10M.	9	B.L.
10-11	N.09°27'E.	20.17M.	10	B.L.
11-12	N.03°53'W.	292.44M.	11	B.L.
12-13	N.02°44'W.	295.13M.	12	B.L.

13-14	N.40°37'W.	39.92M.	13	B.L.
14-15	N.08°58'W.	342.32M.	14	B.L.
15-16	N.44°32'E.	113.08M.	15	B.L.
16-17	N.23°19'W.	206.08M.	16	B.L.
17-18	N.12°27'W.	248.23M.	17	B.L.
18-19	N.19°49'W.	30.60M.	18	B.L.
19-20	N.23°51'W.	236.11M.	19	B.L.
20-21	N.56°23'W.	244.18M.	20	B.L.
21-22	N.25°30'W.	253.66M.	21	B.L.
22-23	N.32°13'E.	215.54M.	22	B.L.
23-24	N.32°33'E.	25.37M.	23	B.L.
24-25	N.88°46'W.	29.67M.	24	B.L.
25-26	N.00°41'E.	349.87M.	25	B.L.
26-27	N.01°50'W.	328.82M.	26	B.L.
27-28	N.23°10'W.	21.94M.	27	B.L.
28-29	N.01°02'E.	59.29M.	28	B.L.
29-30	N.01°02'E.	163.48M.	29	B.L.
30-31	S.06°20'E.	76.60M.	30	B.L.
31-32	N.06°20'W.	76.60M.	31	BBM. No. 48
32-33	N.89°21'E.	58.90M.	32	B.L.
33-34	N.89°27'E.	55.87M.	33	B.L.
34-35	N.89°23'E.	55.88M.	34	B.L.
35-36	N.89°24'E.	100.01M.	35	B.L.
36-37	N.89°23'E.	35.49M.	36	B.L.
37-38	N.89°24'E.	69.98M.	37	B.L.
38-39	N.89°24'E.	97.30M.	38	B.L.
39-40	N.44°38'W.	57.34M.	39	B.L.
40-41	N.01°37'E.	51.66M.	40	B.L.
41-42	N.83°57'E.	12.04M.	41	B.L.
42-43	N.83°55'E.	88.58M.	42	B.L.
43-44	N.83°53'E.	9.85M.	43	B.L.
44-45	N.83°55'E.	103.34M.	44	B.L.
45-46	N.15°22'W.	57.30M.	45	B.L.
46-47	N.76°59'E.	124.74M.	46	B.L.
47-48	N.53°06'E.	29.94M.	47	B.L.
48-49	S.53°06'W.	29.94M.	48	BBM. No. 43
49-1	S.81°53'E.	1,875.88M.	49	B.L.
Tie line from BLLM No. 01, CAD. 1280-D, SAN GUILLERMO CAD. N.86-07E., 14,879.20 M. to Corner "1":				

SEC. 2. The lands reclassified under this Act shall be subject to actual survey, delineation and classification as determined under the rules and regulations issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

SEC. 3. After thorough determination, the DENR shall set aside the areas that shall remain as part of public domain, consisting of permanent forestlands, rivers, and creeks,

tourism areas and roads. Land that has been placed under the National Greening Program of the DENR, a reforestation program that aims to plant billions of trees to reduce poverty, promote food security, create alternative livelihoods, and enhance climate change mitigation and adaptation, shall similarly remain as public domain. These areas shall be reserved as forestlands and must be maintained under permanent forest cover in line with the government's environment protection and natural resources biodiversity conservation program.

SEC. 4. Within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,