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HOUSE BILL NO. <u>922</u>2



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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The population in the Municipality of San Guillermo significantly increased through the passage of time and some of them settled in Barangay Aringay. Based on the Land Use and Operations map and data of the Community and Environment Resources Office (CENRO) in Cauayan City, Barangay Aringay is classified as a forestland. This forestland may be converted into alienable and disposable through the act of Congress.

The Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of San Guillermo where Barangay Aringay sits issued Resolution No. 66-A Series of 2020. The resolution states that in Barangay Aringay, significant development took place including the establishment of built-up areas such as residential, instructional, and social centers in the said barangay. Further, the resolution emphasized that the conversion will serve as a milestone for further development and will hasten the updating of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) of San Guillermo, Isabela. Moreover, 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. Hence this bill.

By converting the land of Barangay Aringay into alienable and disposable land, the people in the community will be given the opportunity to own the land they occupied for years and legitimize their stay in the area.

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

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AN ACT

DECLARING UNCLASSIFIED FORESTLANDS LOCATED IN BARANGAY ARINGAY, 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 Aringay 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 five hundred thirty-two and 13/100 (532.13) hectares which are more particularly described as follows:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

Beginning from BLLM No. 01, CAD.1280-D, SAN GUILLERMO CAD. S.52-49E., 7,422.36 M. to Corner "1";

thence 1-2	S, 47-30 E	183.42M.
thence 2-3	N, 57-28 E	501.63M.
thence 3-4	S, 37-14 E	619.44M.
thence 4-5	N, 51-43 E	137.46M.
thence 5-6	N, 42-07 E	231.12M.
thence 6-7	S, 42-07 W	231.12M.
thence 7-8	S, 23-14 W	76.62M.
thence 8-9	S, 69-19 E	157.77M.
thence 9-10	N, 79-42 E	146.82M.
thence 10-11	S, 43-16 E	75.74M.
thence 11-12	S, 10-29 W	116.23M.
thence 12-13	S, 60-26 E	55.76M.
thence 13-14	N, 52-44 E	85.84M.
thence 14-15	S, 53-30 E	60.33M.
thence 15-16	S, 26-15 W	59.13M.
thence 16-17	S, 54-15 W	122.04M.
thence 17-18	S, 85-07 W	64.27M.
thence 18-19	S, 07-37 W	82.91M.
thence 19-20	N, 70-30 E	248.53M.
thence 20-21	S, 30-02 E	86.32M.
thence 21-22	S, 55-39 W	298.44M.
thence 22-23	S, 30-01 E	335.25M.
thence 23-24	S, 41-01 E	25.99M.
thence 24-25	N, 41-01W	25.99M.
thence 25-26	S, 54-46 W	257.23M.
thence 26-27	S, 34-54 E	322.27M.
thence 27-28	S, 35-15 E	25.37M.
thence 28-29	S, 39-42 E	282.09M.
thence 29-30	S, 88-56 W	43.15M.
thence 30-31	S, 88-56 W	2,156.77M.
thence 31-32	N, 18-55 W	1,107.85M.
thence 32-1	N, 46-26 E	1,231.29M.
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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,