



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4108



Introduced by REP. JOSEPH STEPHEN S. PADUANO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure mainly seeks to simplify and update certain publication requirements in the disposition of public agricultural lands by shortening the period of publishing the notices for the sale of the land through the Official Gazette from six (6) consecutive weeks to two (2) consecutive weeks, and removing the option of publishing the notice in Spanish or in the local dialect.

Furthermore, this proposed measure likewise seeks to increase the threshold land value that requires publication in the Official Gazette and in newspapers from Two Hundred Forty Pesos (P240.00) to Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00).

House Bill No. 345 entitled "An Act Simplifying the Procedure in the Disposition of Public Agricultural Lands, Amending for the Purpose Section 24 of Commonwealth Act No. 141, otherwise known as 'The Public Land Act'" was filed in the Eighteenth (18th) Congress, with this Representation and other principal authors. It was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, approved and submitted by the said Committee without amendments. However, it did not advance further to be acted upon at the Plenary.

With these considerations that this Representation seeks to continue the pursuit of this measure, hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
SIMPLIFYING THE PROCEDURE IN THE DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC
AGRICULTURAL LANDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 24 OF
COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 141, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PUBLIC LAND
ACT”

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 24 of Commonwealth Act No. 141 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

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4 “SECTION 24. Lands sold under the provisions of this chapter must be appraised in
5 accordance with section one hundred and sixteen of this Act. The [Director of Lands]
6 **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR)** shall
7 announce the sale thereof by publishing the proper notice once a week for [~~six~~] **TWO**
8 consecutive weeks in the Official Gazette, and in two newspapers, one published in **METRO**
9 Manila, and the other published in the municipality or in the province where the lands are
10 located, or in neighboring province, and the same notice shall be posted on the bulletin board
11 of the [Bureau of Lands] **CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE DENR** in Manila, and in the most
12 conspicuous place in the provincial building and the municipal building of the province and
13 municipality, respectively, where the land is located, and, if practicable, on the land itself; but
14 if the value of the land does not exceed [two hundred and forty] **FIFTY THOUSAND** pesos,
15 the publication in the Official Gazette and newspapers may be omitted. The notices shall be

1 published [one] in English [and the other in Spanish or in the local dialect,] and shall fix a date
2 [not earlier than sixty] **THIRTY** days after the date of the notice upon which the land will be
3 awarded to the highest bidder, or public bids will be called for, or other action will be taken as
4 provided in this chapter.”

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6 **SEC. 2.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts
7 thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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9 **SEC. 3.** The Secretary of the DENR shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations
10 to implement the provisions of this Act.

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12 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
13 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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15 *Approved,*