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**HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

(In substitution to House Bills Numbered 582, 986, 2499, 2580, & 4813)

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**Introduced by Reps. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Mark O. Go, Dante S. Garcia, Edwin L. Olivarez, Joseph Gilbert F. Violago, Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang, Elizaldy S. Co, Alfonso V. Umali, Jr., Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., Gerardo P. Valmayor, Jr., and Joseph Stephen “Caraps” S. Paduano**

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**AN ACT**

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

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

SECTION 1. **Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Family Tree Planting Act.”

SEC. 2. **Declaration of Policy.** - It is the declared policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the Filipino people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. Towards this end, the State shall promote and pursue reforestation programs and encourage tree planting

1 as part of the family's responsibility and legacy to protect the environment and  
2 conserve our natural resources for the future generation.

3       SEC. 3. ***Mandatory Tree Planting.*** - All parents residing in the Philippines  
4 whether legally married or not, shall be required to plant two (2) trees for every  
5 child born to them. These trees shall be planted within the premises of their own  
6 home. If not possible, trees shall be planted in an area to be designated by the  
7 Barangay Council where they reside, with the approval of the Department of  
8 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). The planted species should be  
9 appropriate to the location, climate and topography of the area, with preference for  
10 the planting of indigenous species and fruit-bearing trees.

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

17       SEC. 5. ***Tree Planting as a Requirement for Birth Certificate Release.*** -  
18 To ensure compliance with this Act, the Local Civil Registry where the birth of the  
19 child shall be registered, must only release the Certificate of Live Birth of the child  
20 upon the presentation of the parents' sworn statement of compliance. A  
21 certification from the DENR or the LGU concerned shall suffice the requirement

1 for the release of the Certificate of Live Birth. Planting of the trees must be done  
2 within thirty (30) days after the child's birth.

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

6 The LGU concerned shall also set aside funds from any available local  
7 revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the management of the tree planting  
8 activities.

9 SEC. 7. ***Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The DENR shall, in  
10 consultation with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), DA,  
11 the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and the Department of Social Welfare  
12 and Development (DSWD), promulgate the implementing rules and regulations  
13 within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act.

14 SEC. 8. ***Separability Clause.*** Should a competent court declare any portion  
15 or provision of this Act unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof  
16 shall continue to be enforced.

17 SEC. 9. ***Repealing Clause.*** All laws, decrees, executive orders, letters of  
18 implementation, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any  
19 provision of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, superseded or amended  
20 accordingly.

1           SEC. 10. ***Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
2 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

3           *Approved,*