

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila
Fourteenth Congress
Third Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of July, two thousand nine.

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9772]

AN ACT IMPOSING A LOGGING BAN IN THE PROVINCE
OF SOUTHERN LEYTE

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

SECTION 1. A logging ban is hereby imposed in the Province of Southern Leyte.

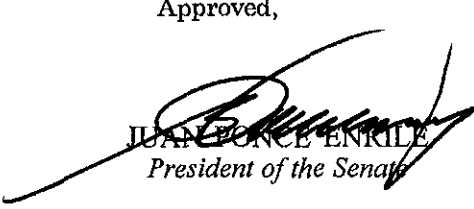
SEC. 2. For purposes of this Act, "logging" shall refer to the process, work or business of cutting down trees for commercial purposes.

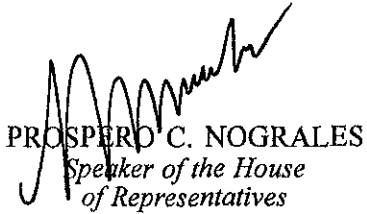
SEC. 3. The harvesting of planted species within tree plantations and the tree-cutting activities for projects approved by the government and only for basic services such as, but not limited to, public works, energy development or water utilities are exempted from this Act: *Provided*, That any harvesting or cutting of tree species shall comply with all pertinent environmental and forestry laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

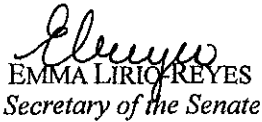
SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

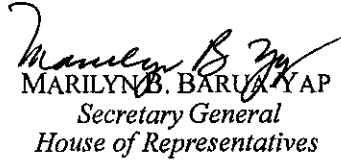
Approved,


JUAN PONCE ENRILE
President of the Senate

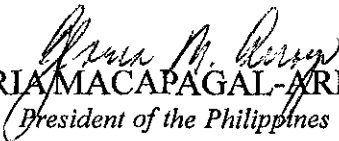

PROSPERO C. NOGRALES
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on April 29, 2008 and July 28, 2009, respectively.


EMMA LIRIO REYES
Secretary of the Senate


MARILYN B. BARUA YAP
Secretary General House of Representatives

Approved: NOV 13 2009


GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President of the Philippines

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