



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4711

BY REPRESENTATIVES GARAY AND MATUGAS, PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 953

AN ACT IMPOSING A LOGGING BAN IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR

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

1 SECTION 1. A logging ban is hereby imposed in the Second District of
2 *the Province of Surigao del Sur.*

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

5 SEC. 3. The following shall be exempted from the logging ban:

6 (a) Planted trees within private lands;

7 (b) Planted trees within forestlands established and developed by
8 tenurial instrument holders in accordance with the approved plans;

9 (c) Wood sources necessary for government infrastructure project in
10 predetermined areas, preferably a communal forest;

11 (d) Trees necessary for extraction as means of silvicultural treatment;

12 and

1 (e) Trees affected during the road construction and similar other
2 projects.

3 Any harvesting or cutting of tree species shall comply with all pertinent
4 environmental and forestry laws, rules and regulations.

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

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

Approved,

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