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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5869

By Representatives Yap (S.) and Matugas, per Committee Report No. 778

AN ACT RECLASSIFYING AS AGRICULTURAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE "PUBLIC LAND ACT", AS AMENDED, THE LAND EMBRACED IN PROCLAMATION NO. 602 DATED APRIL 12, 2004, DECLARING AS ECO-TOURISM PARK AND CAMPSITE PURPOSES A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED IN BARANGAYS LUBIGAN AND MORIONES, INCLUDING A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN BARANGAY IBA, ALL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF TARLAC

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

SECTION 1. A portion of the land embraced in Proclamation No. 602 dated April 12, 2004, declaring as eco-tourism park and campsite purposes a certain parcel of land of the public domain situated in Barangays Lubigan, Moriones and Iba in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Tarlac, is hereby reclassified as agricultural land open to disposition under the provisions of the "Public Land Act", as amended, which portion is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point marked "1" being, N 31°52'49" W, 387.86 meters from TRC-75 (PRS' 92 Control Point: Latitude 15°26'10.48243",

1	Longitude	120°25'47.36798"),	Barangay	Lubigan,	San	Jose,	Province	of
2	Tarlac:							
3	thene	ce N 21-48-19	-E	71.848	me	ters to	corner 2;	
4	then	ce S 82-45-12	Е	69.367	me	ters to	corner 3;	
5	then	ce S 7-23-35 E	E	43.108	me	ters to	corner 4;	
6	then	ce S 8-44-15 V	N	55.646	me	ters to	corner 5;	
7	then	ce S 2-8-56 E		69.174	me	ters to	corner 6;	
8	then	ce S 25-5-9 E		62.799	me	ters to	corner 7;	
9	then	ce S 88-12-16	E	87.762	me	ters to	corner 8;	
10	then	ce N 49-43-51	E	188.356	me	ters to	corner 9;	
11	then	ce N 3-15-45 I	5	31.301	me	ters to	corner 10;	;
12	thene	ce N 28-30-54	W	76.392	me	ters to	corner 11;	
13	then	ce N 2-45-26	W	57.817	me	ters to	corner 12;	
14	then	ce N 62-42-27	Ε	58.338	me	ters to	corner 13;	;
15	then	ce N 7-27-49 I	E	99.72	me	ters to	corner 14;	
16	then	ce N 82-6-41	W	166.671	me	ters to	corner 15;	;
17	thene	ce N 59-26-34	W	63.435	me	ters to	corner 16;	
18	then	ce N 19-33-45	W	75.084	me	ters to	corner 17;	
19	then	ce N 43-8-9 W	7	59.44	me	ters to	corner 18;	
20	then	ce N 63-59-8 V	W	85.785	me	ters to	corner 19;	
21	then	ce N 76-37-29	W.	20.707	me	ters to	corner 20;	
22	then	ce N 27-23-57	W	1.987	me	ters to	corner 21;	
23	thene	ce N 50-16-0 I	E	243.55	me	ters to	corner 22;	
24	theno	ce N 20-56-59	W	229.704	me	ters to	corner 23;	
25	then	ce N 67-4-59 I	3	411.414	me	ters to	corner 24;	
26	then	ce \$ 5-20-22 V	V	116.47	me	ters to	corner 25;	
27	then	ce N 80-12-32	W	50.761	me	ters to	corner 26;	
28	theno	ce S 32-19-15	W	26.477	me	ters to	corner 27;	

1	thence	S 11-33-12 E	46.186	meters to corner 28;
2	thence	S 23-34-42 E	48.281	meters to corner 29;
3	thence	S 42-20-15 E	29.255	meters to corner 30;
4	thence	S 57-34-4 E	37.12	meters to corner 31;
5	thence	S 69-43-21 E	0.161	meters to corner 32;
6	thence	S 43-40-4 E	41.912	meters to corner 33;
7	thence	S 57-27-22 W	0.326	meters to corner 34;
8	thence	S 35-2-57 E	24.178	meters to corner 35;
9	thence	S 5-44-23 E	42.965	meters to corner 36;
10	thence	S 3-26-15 W	28.927	meters to corner 37;
11	thence	S 37-19-35 E	91.015	meters to corner 38;
12	thence	S 59-25-50 E	53.335	meters to corner 39;
13	thence	S 15-35-50 E	48.408	meters to corner 40;
14	thence	S 64-16-1 W	33.684	meters to corner 41;
15	thence	N 80-21-7 W	25.359	meters to corner 42;
16	thence	N 55-57-11 W	59.835	meters to corner 43;
17	thence	N 46-36-55 W	40.763	meters to corner 44;
18	thence	N 86-42-16 W	32.616	meters to corner 45;
19	thence	S 40-8-11 W	43.655	meters to corner 46;
20	thence	S 0-58-36 W	57.758	meters to corner 47;
21	thence	S 8-12-39 E	39.278	meters to corner 48;
22	thence	S 70-10-9 E	62.271	meters to corner 49;
23	thence	N 87-12-40 E	56.52	meters to corner 50;
24	thence	N 82-50-45 E	53.195	meters to corner 51;
25	thence	N 84-2-27 E	103.544	meters to corner 52;
26	thence	N 72-29-12 E	43.615	meters to corner 53;
27	thence	N 79-50-10 E	71.545	meters to corner 54;
28	thence	S 88-56-51 E	47.633	meters to corner 55;

1	thence	S 78-9-12 E	39.577	meters to corner 56;	
2	thence	S 70-13-18 E	41.516	meters to corner 57;	
3	thence	S 11-39-10 W	99.647	meters to corner 58;	
4	thence	S 39-2-8 E	252.064	meters to corner 59;	
¹ 5	thence	N 88-27-7 E	195.863	meters to corner 60;	
6	thence	S 33-1-26 W	252.452	meters to corner 61;	
7	thence	S 38-8-48 E	188.099	meters to corner 62;	
8	thence	S 51-11-25 E	30.733	meters to corner 63;	
9	thence	S 20-22-53 W	0.403	meters to corner 64;	
10	thence	S 74-17-56 W	39.262	meters to corner 65;	
11	thence	S 4-54-9 W	36,383	meters to corner 66;	
12	thence	S 51-24-13 E	61.715	meters to corner 67;	
13	thence	S 72-10-5 E	56.331	meters to corner 68;	
14	thence	S 75-41-13 E	54.101	meters to corner 69;	
15	thence	S 88-59-52 E	32.164	meters to corner 70;	
16	thence	S 51-11-24 E	205.555	meters to corner 71;	
17	thence	S 51-48-59 W	434.637	meters to corner 72;	
18	thence	N 61-53-55 W	395.305	meters to corner 73;	
19	thence	N 39-37-41 W	173.319	meters to corner 74;	
20	thence	N 71-45-44 W	284.75	meters to corner 75;	
21	thence	S 86-24-0 W	382.99	meters to corner 76;	
22	thence	N 48-5-44 W	570.048	meters to corner 77;	
23	thence	S 88-21-0 E	279.13	meters to corner 78;	
24	thence	N 7-19-0 W	49.698	meters to corner 79;	
25	the point of beginning, containing an area of 120.00 hectares, more or less.				

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SEC. 2. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall issue a free patent to any Filipino applicant and shall give priority to the candidate who has continuously occupied or cultivated, or has paid real estate taxes for the tract of land applied for, while the land has not been occupied by any other person, for at least three (3) years prior to the approval of this Act, not to exceed twelve (12) hectares for each qualified applicant: Provided, That prior to the disposition of any parcel of land to individual applicants, the DENR shall segregate, alienate or reserve appropriate areas, consistent with the provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 141 or the "Public Land Act", as amended; Republic Act No. 730, entitled: "An Act to Permit the Sale Without Public Auction of Public Lands of the Republic of the Philippines for Residential Purposes to Qualified Applicants Under Certain Conditions": Provided, further, That the identification of areas for public and quasi-public purposes shall be undertaken iointly with the concerned government agencies or local government units: Provided, finally. That the title over tracts of land for public and quasi-public purposes shall be in the name of the Republic of the Philippines, except the area actually used, developed and managed by the provincial government for eco-tourism and campsite purposes, which shall be titled in the name of the Province of Tarlac.

SEC. 3. The area described in Section 1 of this Act is hereby excluded from the coverage of Section 16, areas needed for forest purposes of Presidential Decree No. 705 or the "Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines", as amended: *Provided, however*, That the removal of timber and other forest products and utilization of other natural resources in the parcel of land shall be subject to existing forestry and other environmental protection laws, rules and regulations: *Provided, further*, That the twenty (20)-meter protection zone along the banks of any river or stream, which has a width of at least fifty (50) meters, shall be surveyed and delineated by the DENR on the ground and shall retain their classification as forestland, prior to disposition of any parcel of agricultural land to private applicants.

SEC. 4. Within six (6) months from the approval of this Act, the DENR
Secretary shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective
implementation. The provisions of the "Public Land Act" pertaining to the
distribution of public lands and issuance of land titles, insofar as they are not
inconsistent herewith, shall apply.
SEC. 5. If any section of this Act is declared unconstitutional, such
declaration shall not affect in any manner the other parts o€ this Act.
SEC. 6. Presidential Proclamation No. 602 dated April 12, 2004 is
hereby repealed. All other laws, decrees, proclamations or issuances which are
inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or
modified accordingly.
SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,