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(A.), LAGMAN, BUESER, MANDANAS, VILLANUEVA, CHIPECO AND
TULAGAN, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 408

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THE REVIVAL OF ARBOR DAY BY VESTING
IN PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS
WITH THEIR COMPONENT BARANGAYS THE
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CELEBRATING THE DAY FOR TREE
PLANTING AS AN ANNUAL EVENT

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

1 SECTION 1. In order to emphasize the imperative necessity for
2 maintaining proper ecological balance, for encouraging the beautification of
3 communities and creating more healthful environments, it is hereby mandated
4 that all provinces, cities and municipalities with their component barangays
5 shall be required to revive, by appropriate proclamation of their respective
6 local chief executives, an Arbor Day at an appropriate fixed date every
7 calendar year as shall be deemed suitable according to the proper time and

1 season for planting trees in the respective provinces and their respective
2 component municipalities or cities concerned. Although adoption of uniform
3 dates for every province and its component municipalities and the cities shall
4 be encouraged, varying dates for Arbor Day celebrations may be permitted in
5 order to afford flexibility in planning and in implementing tree-planting
6 programs to adjust to the proper time and period of the year most suited to the
7 trees selected to be planted, and as local budgetary allotments shall allow.

8 SEC. 2. In implementing the intent of this Act, there shall be created in
9 every province, city and municipality an Arbor Day Celebrations Committee,
10 the composition of which shall be selected or designated by the local chief
11 executive concerned. The members of the said committee shall preferably
12 consist of officers based in the locality, representing, but not limited to:

- 13 (a) The local sanggunian;
- 14 (b) The local Environment and Natural Resources Office;
- 15 (c) The Department of Environment and Natural Resources;
- 16 (d) The Department of Education;
- 17 (e) The Department of the Interior and Local Government;
- 18 (f) The Department of Agriculture;
- 19 (g) The Department of Agrarian Reform;
- 20 (h) The Department of Public Works and Highways;
- 21 (i) The Department of Tourism;

- 1 (j) The Philippine National Police;
- 2 (k) The Armed Forces of the Philippines;
- 3 (l) The Philippine Coconut Authority;
- 4 (m) Civic organizations;
- 5 (n) Youth organizations;
- 6 (o) Liga ng mga barangay; and
- 7 (p) Media associations.

8 SEC. 3. In order to assure active participation of students, out-of-school
9 youths and employees of the government and private sectors, the Arbor Day
10 designated every calendar year by each and every local government unit may
11 be declared as a public holiday and such declaration may be embodied in the
12 appropriate proclamation that local chief executives are in this Act authorized
13 to do.

14 SEC. 4. The local sanggunian shall promulgate the rules and
15 regulations, including the allocation of resources pertinent to the
16 implementation of this Act at their respective local government level. For
17 information and monitoring purposes, the respective local government units
18 shall submit to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG),
19 copy furnished the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
20 (DENR), the official date of the specified Arbor Day.

1 SEC. 5. The DILG, in coordination with the DENR, shall promulgate
2 the rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

3 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,

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