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BY REPRESENTATIVES RODRIGUEZ, UY (R.), RADAZA, SALO, BULUT AND YAP (E.),  
PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1300

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AN ACT

**ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY FORESTS IN BARANGAYS BAYANGA, BESIGAN, DANSOLIHON, LUMBIA, MAMBUAYA, PAGALUNGAN, TUMPAGON, PIGSAG-AN, SAN SIMON, TAGLIMAO, TAGPANGI, TIGNAPOLOAN, TUBURAN, AND BAIKINGON, IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of  
2 Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), community forests in Barangays Bayanga,  
3 Besigan, Dansolihon, Lumbia, Mambuaya, Pagalungan, Tumpagon, Pigsag-an, San Simon,  
4 Taglimao, Tagpangi, Tignapoloan, Tuburan, and Baikingon, in the First District of Cagayan de  
5 Oro City, Province of Misamis Oriental.

6           The DENR shall determine the size and specific forest limits of the community forest to  
7 be established within each of the barangay concerned.

8           Each established community forest shall be identified according to a Forest Land Use  
9 Plan, consistent with the city's land use plan, and all existing and related plans, programs, and  
10 projects of the city and national government.

11           **SEC. 2.** The DENR shall, within two (2) years after the determination and establishment  
12 of the community forests, transfer the management of the same to the local government unit  
13 (LGU) concerned, under the direct supervision of the City Local Environment and Natural

1 Resources Office, through a memorandum of agreement. It shall implement a training and  
2 phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management, utilization and  
3 conservation of the community forests.

4 The DENR, shall in coordination with the concerned LGU, undertake a forest resource  
5 inventory in each of the barangays, determine the sustainable level of forest resource utilization  
6 and provide the LGU technical assistance in all facets of forest management planning. To ensure  
7 the sustainability of the community forests, the management plan shall include provisions for  
8 replanting by the communities and the LGUs.

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

12 The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local  
13 revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the management, utilization and conservation of  
14 the community forests.

15 **SEC. 4.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DENR Secretary  
16 shall issue the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act.

17 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
18 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,