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HOUSE BILL NO. 3763



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Deforestation is a serious problem confronting our country today. Primary forests in the Philippines are being destroyed due to both logging and agricultural expansion, significantly decreasing the Philippine's natural resources. A study made by the World Resources Institute (WRI), revealed that stagnant economies and increasing populations have severely degraded the land in the Philippines. Forest cover in the Philippines has decreased by 56 percent in the post-war period. For the past 50 years, the Philippines lost 2.4 acres of hardwood forests every minute leaving only a 21 percent forest cover.

The disaster that swept major areas in Aurora and Quezon provinces on 2004 was due to massive upland logging. Compounding the problem of deforestation is the mismanagement of forests ranging from unsustainable commercial logging, overgrazing and unlimited airborne pollution.

The Bill seeks to provide for the reforestation of the 100 hectares of public land located in Barangay Magsaysay, Municipality of Infanta, and Brgy. Pagsangahan, Municipality of General Nakar both in the Province of Quezon.

This is an urgent measure to boost all the efforts to put in place a sustainable forest development and management program in the aforementioned area.

In light of the foregoing, passage of this bill is urgently sought.


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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REFORESTATION OF ONE HUNDRED HECTARES OF
PUBLIC LAND IN BARANGAY MAGSAYSAY, MUNICIPALITY OF INFANTA AND
BARANGAY PANGSANGAHAN, MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL NAKAR IN THE PROVINCE
OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION. 1. The public land situated in Barangay Magsaysay, Municipality of Infanta, and Barangay Pagsangahan, Municipality of General Nakar in the Province of Quezon, covering an area of One Hundred (100) hectares, shall be reforested under the supervision of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as maybe necessary for the protection and preservation of the forest shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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

APPROVED,