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Introduced by **HON. ROZZANO RUFINO B. BIAZON**

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PLANNED TRANSFER OF THE NEW BILIBID PRISON.**

**WHEREAS**, on September 08, 2006, Proclamation No. 1158 reserved 270 hectares of land in Barangay Cuyambay, Tanay, Rizal, as the new site of the New Bilibid Prison (NBP) which is presently located in the City of Muntinlupa;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 568 (EO 568) was also issued on the same date transferring the NBP from Muntinlupa to Barangay Cuyambay, Tanay, Rizal. Said executive order also tasked the Department of Justice (DOJ) and other concerned agencies to prepare and finalize the implementation scheme and financing plan for the transfer of the NBP within (6) six months from the date of issue of this Executive Order;

**WHEREAS**, Proclamation No. 1158 and EO 568 were issued to pave the way for the development of a more efficient, effective and modern national penal institution and the development of the present site of the NBP for other purposes;

**WHEREAS**, Proclamation No. 1159 was also issued on September 8, 2006 declaring 366.7 hectares in the NBP Reservation in Muntinlupa as government and socialized housing site with mixed-use component and provided disposition thereof to qualified beneficiaries. The disposition of the 366.7 hectares is as follows:

- 78 hectares for government housing purposes;
- 22 hectares for mixed-income residential purposes;
- 44 hectares for institutional, public or quasi-public purposes;
- 147 hectares for mixed-use/commercial/residential purposes;
- 51.7 hectares for open space/park purposes; and
- 24 hectares for the implementation of the Daang-Hari-SLEX Road Link Project.

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2009, Proclamation No. 1952 was issued and amended Proclamation No. 1159 by transferring the ownership of the 78 hectares of land

allotted for government housing purposes to the NHA and directed its conveyance through sale as a priority mode of disposition and utilization.

**WHEREAS**, on May 24, 2013, Republic Act No. 10575, otherwise known as the “Bureau of Corrections Modernization Act”, was approved by the President. Section 6 of this law provides:

“SEC. 6. *Lands of the Bureau of Corrections.* – (a) Aside from administrative purposes, all BuCor lands shall be used for inmate security, reformation programs and as a means to promote sustainability, both for income and non-income generating programs, with or without partnership among non-government organizations, civic organizations or other government entities.

(b) As a way to maximize its assets’ value for the effective and extensive reformation (corrections) programs for national inmates, the BuCor shall have absolute authority to design, formulate and implement land-use development plans and policies.

(c) The BuCor may propose additional penal farms as may be necessary as possible, aside from its existing seven (7) prison and penal farms to decongest existing penal institutions and accommodate the increasing number of inmates committed to the agency.

(d) All BuCor lands shall have a Certificate of Title registered under its name.”

**WHEREAS**, Section 26 of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10575 issued by the Secretary of Justice on May 23, 2016, provides for the repeal of Proclamation No.’s 1158, 1159 and 1952 as well as EO 568;


**WHEREAS**, with this new development, there is a need to clarify several issues, among which are:

1. What are now the plans of the BuCor on the NBP Reservation in Muntinlupa? Does it still plan to transfer its prison facilities?
2. What does the BuCor plan to do with the recommendations of the studies undertaken by private planners contracted by the government regarding the development of the NBP Reservation? Does the BuCor have its own study on what to do with the NBP Reservation?

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT, RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO**

Direct The Appropriate Committees To Conduct An Inquiry, In Aid Of Legislation, On The Planned Transfer of the New Bilibid Prison.

*Adopted,*

  
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