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HOUSE BILL NO. 1356



Introduced by Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our Constitution recognizes the right of every Filipino to have a balanced and healthful ecology. Undeniably, the issue of climate change is a timely matter of concern regarding the potential for the continuous enjoyment of this right.

Climate change is one of the many global problems that needs to be addressed, as its escalating consequences to our world is "inter-generational". Being an "inter-generational" problem, it is incumbent upon every Filipino to have the "inter-generational responsibility"¹ to find solutions that will mitigate, if not totally eradicate, the looming effects of climate change.

Globally, carbon dioxide emissions were found to be around 37 billion tons per year.² This number is still bound to increase due to the global phenomenon of industrialization and the proliferation of big businesses.

This bill seeks to alleviate the effects of global warming and climate change by requiring the planting of trees in residential, commercial, and public buildings, as well as in industrial establishments.

Ultimately, this bill envisions the gradual lessening of carbon dioxide emissions in the atmosphere as it is common knowledge that trees are the source of the oxygen that we breathe in daily.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is collectively sought.


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¹ Oposa v. Factoran, G.R. No. 101083, July 30, 1993.

² <https://edition.cnn.com/2019/04/17/world/trillion-trees-climate-change-intl-scn/index.html>

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AN ACT
REQUIRING THE PLANTING OF TREES IN RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND IN INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "National Green Building Act"

SEC. 2. All applicants for building permits for the construction of residential, commercial, and public buildings and industrial establishments are required to allocate a certain space and land area for the planting of trees in their premises.

SEC. 3. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall issue pertinent guidelines to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. All issuances, laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof not consistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,