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House Bill No. 3429

Introduced by Representative Juan Miguel Macapagal Arroyo

AN ACT CONVERTING SITIO MALABNI IN BARANGAY MAWACAT,
MUNICIPALITY OF FLORIDABLANCA, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, INTO A
BARANGAY FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Floridablanca in the Province of Pampanga is part of
the mountainous areas of the Central Plains of Luzon. Its 103,388 population
(2007) reside in 33 barangays, majority of which are Agrarian Reform
Communities (ARC)s covered by the CARP Law.

Of the 33 barangays, historically, there were four (4) upland barangays of
indigenous cultural minorities - Mawacat, Nabuklod, Malabni and Camatchile. But
during the Martial Law period, only Barangays Mawacat and Nabuklod were able to
participate in the last Local Elections. Nobody from Barangays Camatchile and
Malabni filed the Certificate of Candidacy. They later had become adopted sitios of
Barangays Nabuklod and Mawacat, respectively, particularly during the difficult times

About 4,000 Aetas (2007) are already residing in these upland barangays,
more than half of which are in Sitio Malabni including those in Sitio Camatchile
which is about 20 kilometers away from Nabuklod.

Sitio Malabni receives assistance, but as an adopted sitio there are
constraints. There are needs to augment basic services, to ensure its proper
representation in local governance and to improve its physical environment. This
sitio must be equally capacitated as a basic political unit by giving its
communities the resources and the opportunity to self-govern.

This bill shall convert Sitio Malabni into a barangay, therefore retain its
identity based on its more or less permanent natural boundaries. This bill shall
likewise entitle Sitio Malabni to a share in the national internal revenue allotment
of the Municipality of Floridablanca, subject to the applicable provisions of the
Local Government Code (Republic Act 7160), as amended.

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

Section 1. Conversion of Sitio Malabni into a Barangay. – Sitio Malabni in
Barangay Mawacat, Municipality of Floridablanca, Province of Pampanga, is hereby
converted as a barangay, and therefore retain its identity based on its more or less
permanent natural boundaries. Its meters and bounds shall be surveyed, cost of
which shall be borne by the local government units concerned.

Section 2. Barangay Officials. – The first set of officials shall be appointed by the
Provincial Governor, in consultation with the Municipal Mayor and Representative of the
District and shall hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected
and qualified.

Section 3. Public Infrastructure and Facilities. – All existing public infrastructure
and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are
hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the
barangay.

Section 4. Internal Revenue Alotment Shares. – Barangay Malabni shall be
entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic

Section 5. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.