Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 7788

Introduced by Rep. FAUSTINO MICHAEL T. DY III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the reclassification of more than 264 hectares of land in the Forest Zone Area of Barangay Trinidad, Municipality of Mallig, in the province of Isabela into alienable and disposable lands.

The municipality of Mallig has determined what may be the optimal uses for the land, and seeks the reclassification thereof to pursue activities that will boost its economic development, pursuant to the State policy enshrined in Sec 2 of the Local Government Code, that is: that the territorial and political subdivisions of the State shall enjoy genuine and meaningful local autonomy to enable them to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities and make them more effective partners in the attainment of national goals.

Section 16 of the same law likewise includes a provision recognizing the power of the local government unit to exercise powers for the promotion of the general welfare, while Sec 18 grants LGUs the power and authority to create their own sources of revenues, and to levy taxes, fees and charges… and to have a just share in national taxes.

Mallig’s primary source of income is from agriculture-related activities. It thus envisions the concerned area to become a model for dairy production and ultimately for eco-tourism, employing the Integrated Management System and Sloping Agricultural Land technologies (SALT) approach. However, being set on a forest zone area, the barangay is unable to convey a sense of ownership to the communities due to restrictions governing forest areas. Mallig is further hindered from realizing its potential development as it is restricted in imposing taxes due to the current situation.

I appreciate the efforts that the Municipality of Mallig is exerting to realize the powers granted by the Local Government Code. I also appreciate that such efforts will redound to the best interest of its people.
It is with deep respect that I support this objective, cognizant of its potential far-reaching benefits to my constituents in the municipality of Mallig.

The passage of this bill is hereby therefore earnestly sought.

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TO RECLASSIFY 264 HECTARES OF LAND IN BARANGAY TRINIDAD, MUNICIPALITY OF MALLIG, PROVINCE OF ISABELA FROM FOREST LAND INTO ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LAND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

Section 1. 264.9194 hectares of land from the Forest Zone in Barangay Trinidad, Municipality of Mallig, Province of Isabela are hereby reclassified into alienable and disposable lands.

Section 2. Immediately upon the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall undertake the actual ground survey and verification of the areas to be covered for reclassification, and issue the appropriate rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,