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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 527

Submitted by the Special Committee on Reforestation on SEP. 25, 2020
Re: HOUSE BILL NO. 7763

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 528, 685, 1356 and 3855

Mr. Speaker:

The Special Committee on Reforestation to which were referred House Bill No. 528, introduced by Rep. Joseph Stephen “Caraps” S. Paduano, entitled:

AN ACT
REQUIRING THE PLANTING OF TREES FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

House Bill No. 685, introduced by Rep. Michael Edgar V. Aglipay, entitled:

AN ACT
REQUIRING THE PLANTING OF TREES FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

House Bill No. 1356, introduced by Precious Hipolito Castelo, entitled:

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

House Bill No. 3855, introduced by Rep. Tyrone D. Agabas, entitled:

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

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have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 7763, entitled:

AN ACT
MANDATING THE SUBMISSION OF A TREE PLANTING PLAN AS A REQUIREMENT IN THE APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMITS


Respectfully submitted:

ELIAS C. BULUT, JR.
Chairperson
Special Committee on Reforestation

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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AN ACT
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress Assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Green Measures Act”.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. Towards this end, the State shall promote the planting of trees to enhance environmental quality, mitigate the effects of climate change, and preserve the environment for present and future generations.

SEC. 3. Tree Planting Requirement for Permits. – All applicants for building permits of residential, commercial, industrial and public building development projects are hereby mandated to submit a Tree Planting Plan (TPP) in addition to other requirements imposed by local government units.

Any person, firm, corporation, department, office, bureau, agency or instrumentality of the government intending to construct, alter, repair or convert any building or structure, is required to set aside, and properly maintain in said property, areas adequate for planting and maintaining trees and flora.
The TPP shall be a simple plan containing the following:

a) Total area of the project;

b) Indicative lay-out of the area/s to be planted;

c) Number of trees to be planted, taking into account the ratio of at least one (1) tree for every five hundred (500) square meters for commercial or industrial projects or one (1) tree for every two hundred fifty (250) square meters for housing and development projects;

d) Species to be planted; and

e) Construction and design of said areas for trees and flora, which shall give emphasis to the façade of the structure and all communal areas.

SEC. 4. Preference for Indigenous Species. - The TPP required under Section 3 hereof, shall give preference to indigenous species of trees, taking into account the location, climate and topography of the area. However, the use of non-vigorously growing endemic ornamental plants or trees and fruit bearing trees is recommended for residential lots.

SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Department of Agriculture (DA), shall issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations to carry out the objectives of this Act.

SEC. 6. Separability Clause. - Should any portion or provision of this Act be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the other provisions hereof shall continue to be enforced.

SEC. 7. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, letters of implementation, rules and regulations or part or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, superseded or amended accordingly.

SEC. 8. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,
FACT SHEET

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AN ACT
MANDATING THE SUBMISSION OF A TREE PLANTING PLAN AS A REQUIREMENT IN THE APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMITS


Committee Referral: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION
Committee Chairperson: REP. ELIAS C. BULUT, JR.

OBJECTIVE:

- To enhance environmental quality, mitigate the effects of climate change and preserve the environment for present and future generations.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Requires the submission of a Tree Planting Plan (TPP) in securing a building permit.
- Mandates the planting of trees for any construction of residential, commercial, industrial and public buildings.
- Encourages the planting of indigenous species, taking into account the location, climate and topography of the area.

RELATED LAWS:

- Presidential Decree No. 953 – Requiring The Planting Of Trees In Certain Places And Penalizing Unauthorized Cutting, Destruction, Damaging And Injuring Of Certain Trees, Plants And Vegetation.

- Presidential Decree No. 957 - Regulating The Sale Of Subdivision Lots And Condominiums, Providing Penalties For Violations Thereof.

- Presidential Decree No. 1216 – Defining “Open Space” In Residential, Subdivisions And Amending Section 31 of Presidential Decree No. 957 Requiring Subdivision Owners To Provide Roads, Alleys, Sidewalks and Reserve Open Space For Parks or Recreational Use.