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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was originally filed as Senate Bill No. 309 in the Tenth Congress by Senator Orlando S. Mercado. Its idea was lifted from a decision rendered by a Quezon City Trial Court judge who included the planting of at least twenty trees a year a part of the probationers condition of his probation.

With our denuded forests - and our denuded government coffers - this innovative idea will greatly assist in the rehabilitation of our forests thus saving us from unwanted "man induced" natural calamities such as great floods.

It is in this regard that the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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**AN ACT
REQUIRING PROBATIONERS TO PLANT AT LEAST TWENTY (20) TREES A
YEAR AS PART OF THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 968
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PROBATION LAW OF 1998**

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 10 of Presidential Decree No. 968 is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "SEC. 10. *Conditions of Probation.* - Every probation order
4 issued by the court shall contain conditions requiring that the probationer
5 shall: [(k) Satisfy any other condition related to the rehabilitation of the
6 defendant and not unduly restrictive of his liberty or incompatible with his
7 freedom of conscience.]

8 (K) PLANT AT LEAST TWENTY (20) TREES A YEAR AS PART
9 OF HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY; *PROVIDED, HOWEVER,*
10 THAT THIS SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED UNDER THE STRICT
11 SUPERVISION OF HIS PROBATION OFFICER WHO SHALL CERTIFY
12 TO THE COURT THE COMPLETION OF SAID REQUIREMENT.

13 (L) SATISFY ANY OTHER CONDITION RELATED TO THE
14 REHABILITATION OF THE DEFENDANT AND NOT UNDULY

1 RESTRICTIVE OF HIS LIBERTY OR INCOMPATIBLE WITH HIS
2 FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE.”

3 SEC. 2. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
4 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
5 circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,