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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

A cadastral survey is one that defines or re-establishes boundaries of public and/or private lands for purpose of ownership and taxation by the production of documents, diagrams, sketches, plans or plats, charts, and maps.

The absence of a reliable and complete cadastral record may lead to the proliferation of fake and spurious land titles which may erode the integrity of the country's titling system and Torrens system of land registration. Consequently, there is a compelling reason to conduct a relocation survey of cadastral lots in areas affected by lahar as a result of the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in Central Luzon, specifically in the provinces of Zambales, Pampanga and Tarlac, since the land survey monuments or *mojon* were buried in lahar.

This bill seeks to authorize the DENR to conduct a relocation survey of cadastral lots in areas affected by lahar as a result of the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in Central Luzon to recover or relocate all land survey monuments existing in the area so as to prevent and curtail the proliferation of illegitimate claimants or land grabbers.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR A RELOCATION SURVEY OF CADASTRAL LOTS IN**  
**LAHAR-AFFECTED AREAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**Section 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "Relocation Survey of Lahar-Affected Areas Act of 2010.

**Section 2. Authority to Conduct the Relocation Survey.** – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is hereby authorized to conduct a relocation survey of cadastral lots in the lahar-affected areas within the provinces of Zambales, Pampanga and Tarlac, numbering approximately fifty thousand one hundred and forty-one (50,141) lots and nine hundred seventy-three (973) control points. The relocation survey shall consist of the following activities:

- (a) Research and reconnaissance;
- (b) Project control recovery and densification;
- (c) Computation of lot data;
- (d) Political boundary surveys;
- (e) Computation and cartographic works;
- (f) Setting of cadastral lots and boundary; and
- (g) Plans finalization and submission.

**Section 3. Awarding of Contracts.** – The DENR may, subject to bidding rules and regulations, award any relocation survey contract under this Act to private land surveyors, corporations or partnerships engaged in survey work, under the most advantageous terms to the government.

**Section 4. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall immediately include in the Department's program the

implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**Section 5. Repealing Clause** - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

**Section 6. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

**Approved,**