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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 403

Submitted by the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources on SEP 1 9 2012

Re : House Bill No. 1063

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor : Senator Escudero.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to which was referred House Bill No. 1063, introduced by Representatives Rodriguez (R.), Rodriguez Jr. (M.), and Matugas, entitled:

"AN ACT IMPOSING A LOGGING BAN IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY"

has considered the same and has the honor to report this bill back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments:

- On page 1, delete the second paragraph of Section 2, starting from line 9 up to line
 6 on page 2;
- On page 1, after line 8, insert two (2) new sections which shall read as follows: "SEC. 3. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, "LOGGING" SHALL REFER TO THE PROCESS, WORK OR BUSINESS OF CUTTING DOWN TREES FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

SEC. 4. *EXEMPTION FROM THE LOGGING BAN.* – THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE EXEMPTED FROM THE LOGGING BAN:

(A) PLANTED TREES WITHIN PRIVATE LANDS;

(B) PLANTED TREES WITHIN FORESTLANDS ESTABLISHED AND DEVELOPED BY TENURIAL INSTRUMENT HOLDERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED PLANS;

(C) WOOD SOURCES NECESSARY FOR GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN PREDETERMINED AREAS, PREFERABLY A COMMUNAL FOREST;

(D) TREES NECESSARY FOR EXTRACTION AS MEANS OF SILVICULTURAL TREATMENT; AND

(E) TREES AFFECTED DURING THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND SIMILAR OTHER PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND ONLY FOR BASIC SERVICES SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENERGY AND POWER DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC WORKS OR WATER UTILITIES.

ANY HARVESTING OR CUTTING OF TREE SPECIES SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL PERTINENT FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 705, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE "REVISED FORESTRY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES", AS AMENDED; PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1586, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SYSTEM"; AND OTHER APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS.";

- 3. On page 2, line 16, after the word "shall", delete the punctuation mark comma "," and the phrase "within three (3) months following the effectivity of this Act, promulgate" and in lieu thereof insert the word "ISSUE";
- 4. On the same page, line 18, between the words "for" and "effective", delete the word "its" and in lieu thereof insert the article "THE";
- 5. On the same page and line, after the word "implementation", insert the phrase "OF THIS ACT WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF ITS EFFECTIVITY";
- On the same page, line 26, between the words "its" and "publication", insert the word "COMPLETE";
- 7. On the same page and line, between the words "publication" and "in", insert the phrase "IN THE *OFFICIAL GAZETTE* OR";
- 8. On the same page and line, after the word "circulation", insert the phrase IN THE PHILIPPINES"; and
- 9. Renumber the sections accordingly.

Respectfully submitted:

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