HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4993

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEL MAR, BANAAG, GULLAS AND DURANO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1242

AN ACT CONFIRMING AND DECLARING, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, THE VALIDITY OF EXISTING TRANSFER CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND RECONSTITUTED CERTIFICATES OF TITLE COVERING THE BANILAD FRIAR LANDS ESTATE, SITUATED IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF CEBU

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

- 1 SECTION 1. All existing Transfer Certificates of Title and
- 2 Reconstituted Certificates of Title duly issued by the Register of Deeds of
- 3 Cebu Province and/or Cebu City covering any por tion of the Banilad Friar
- 4 Lands Estate, notwithstanding the lack of signature is and/or approval of the
- 5 then Secretary of the Interior (later Secretary of Agriculture and Natural
- 6 Resources) and/or the then Chief of the Bureau of Public Lands (later Director
- 7 of Public Lands) in the copies of the duly executed Sale Certificates and

Assignments of Sales Certificates, as the case many be, now on file with the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), Cebu City, are hereby confirmed and declared as valid titles and the registered owners recognized as absolute owners thereof.

This confirmation and declaration of validity shall in all respects be entitled to like effect and credit as a decree of registration, binding the land and quieting the title thereto and shall be conclusive upon and against all persons, including the national government and all branches thereof.

- SEC. 2. This Act shall not apply to Transfer Certificates of Title or Reconstituted Certificates of Title declared by final judgment by the courts to have been obtained or issued through fraud or misrepresentation.
- SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, proclamations or issuances contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
 - SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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