



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 3681

BY REPRESENTATIVES MERCADO, ARROYO (I.) AND MIRAFLORES,
PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 318

AN ACT IMPOSING A LOGGING BAN IN THE PROVINCE OF
SOUTHERN LEYTE

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

1 SECTION 1. A logging ban is hereby imposed in the Province of
2 Southern Leyte.

3 SEC. 2. For purposes of this Act, "logging" shall refer to the process,
4 work or business of cutting down trees for commercial purposes.

5 SEC. 3. The harvesting of planted species within tree plantations and
6 the tree-cutting activities for projects approved by the government and only for
7 basic services such as, but not limited to, public works, energy development or
8 water utilities are exempted from this Act: *Provided*, That any harvesting or
9 cutting of tree species shall comply with all pertinent environmental and
10 forestry laws, rules and regulations.

11 SEC. 4. The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources shall
12 issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of
13 this Act.

14 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,