

AN ACT REQUIRING PARENTS TO PLANT TWO (2) TREES
FOR EVERY CHILD BORN TO THEM

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8727

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SAGARBARRIA, BELMONTE (J.C.), ANGARA-CASTILLO, ANDAYA,
ARENAS AND SALIMBANGON, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1006

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the
2 “Family Tree Planting Act”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the declared policy of
4 the State to protect and advance the right of the Filipino people to a
5 balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and
6 harmony of nature. Towards this end, the State shall promote and
7 pursue reforestation programs and encourage tree planting as part
8 of the family’s responsibility and legacy to protect the environment
9 and conserve our natural resources for the future generation.

10 SEC. 3. *Mandatory Tree Planting.* – All parents residing in
11 the Philippines, whether legally married or not, shall be required to
12 plant two (2) trees for every child born to them. These trees shall be
13 planted within the premises of their own home or in an area to be
14 designated by the Barangay Council where they reside, with the
15 approval of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
16 (DENR). The planted species should be appropriate to the location,
17 climate and topography of the area, with preference for the planting
18 of indigenous species and high value crops.

19 SEC. 4. *Provision of Seedlings.* – The Community
20 Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) of the
21 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and
22 the Department of Agriculture (DA), in partnership with local
23 government units (LGUs) throughout the Philippines, shall
24 maintain a seedling bank and will serve as ready source of seedlings
25 to be provided to parent/s planting the tree under this Act.

1 SEC. 5. *Tree Planting as a Requirement for Birth Certificate*
 2 *Release.* – To ensure compliance with this Act, the City or
 3 Municipal Local Civil Registry where the birth of the child shall be
 4 registered, must only release the Certificate of Live Birth of the
 5 child upon the presentation of the parents' sworn statement of
 6 compliance. The affidavit must be sworn to before the Punong
 7 Barangay if the trees were planted within the premises of their
 8 barangay or before the DENR officer concerned if the trees were
 9 planted in a government-designated area outside the barangay
 10 where the family resides. Planting of the trees must be done within
 11 thirty (30) days after the child's birth.

12 SEC. 6. *Appropriations.* – The DENR Secretary shall include
 13 in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the
 14 funding of which shall be included in the annual General
 15 Appropriations Act.

16 SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DENR
 17 shall, in consultation with the DA, the Philippine Statistics
 18 Authority (PSA) and the Department of Social Welfare and
 19 Development (DSWD), promulgate the implementing rules and
 20 regulations within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act.

21 SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* – Should any portion or
 22 provision of this Act be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a
 23 competent court, the other portions or provisions hereof will remain
 24 in full force and effect.

25 SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive
 26 orders, letters of implementation, rules and regulations or parts
 27 thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby
 28 repealed, modified, superseded or amended accordingly.

1 SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
 2 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of
 3 general circulation.

Approved,

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