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

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9772, November 13, 2009

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved,

(Sgd.) JUAN PONCE ENRILE

(Sgd.) PROSPERO C. NOGRALES

President of Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on April 29, 2008 and July 28, 2009, respectively.

(Sgd.) EMMA LIRIO-REYES

(Sgd.) MARILYN B. BARUA-YAP

Secretary of Senate

Secretary General House of Representatives

Approved: NOV 13 2009

(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL - ARROYO
President of the Philippines

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