

AN ACT REMOVING THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON THE REGISTRATION, ACQUISITION, ENCUMBRANCE, ALIENATION, TRANSFER AND CONVEYANCE OF LAND COVERED BY FREE PATENTS UNDER SECTIONS 118, 1...

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11231, February 22, 2019

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Agricultural Free patent Reform Act".

SEC. 2. It is the declared policy of the State to remove restrictions on free patents to allow the efficient and effective utilization of these lands in order to contribute to wealth creation, entrepreneurship, and economic development.

SEC. 3. Agricultural public lands alienated or disposed in favor of qualified public land applicants under Section 44 of Commonwealth Act No. 141, as amended, shall not be subject to restrictions imposed under Section 118, 119 and 121 thereof regarding acquisitions, encumbrances, conveyances, transfers, or dispositions. Agricultural free patent shall now be considered as title in fee simple and shall not be subject to any restrictions on encumbrance or alienation.

SEC. 4. This Act shall have retroactive effect and any restrictions regarding acquisitions, encumbrances, conveyances, transfers, or dispositions imposed on agricultural free patents issued under Section 44 of Commonwealth Act No. 141, as amended, before the effectivity of this Act shall be removed and are hereby immediately lifted: Provided, That nothing in this Act shall affect the right of redemption under Section 119 of Commonwealth Act No. 141, as amended, for transactions made in good faith prior to the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 5. If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. All laws, decrees, orders, rules, regulations, circulars, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

(SGD.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
Speaker of the House of Representatives

(SGD.) VICENTE C. SOTTO III

President of the Senate

This Act which is a consolidation of Senate Bill No. 1454 and House Bill No. 8078 was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on December 6, 2018 and December 10, 2018, respectively.

(SGD.) DANTE ROBERTO P. MALING
Acting Secretary General House of Representatives

(SGD.) MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA
Secretary of the Senate

Approved: FEB 22 2019

(SGD.) RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
President of the Philippines

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