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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The acute housing problem compounded by indiscriminate squatting in the urban areas necessitates a forward –looking approach to answer this basic need of the people.

Idle public lands which are not suitable for agricultural production and have been left idle for the past ten (10) years or more shall be considered as socialized housing areas for low salaried employees in both the private and public sectors and also as relocation sites for squatters.

The National Housing Authority is proposed to take over the said idle public lands for development into a residential project to be reserved for the homeless low salaried government and private employees including the squatters.

Approval of this bill is earnestly enjoined.

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AN ACT
DECLARING ALL DISPOSABLE LANDS OF THE GOVERNMENT WHICH HAVE REMAINED IDLE AND SUITABLE FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES SHALL BE DEVELOPED INTO SOCIALIZED HOUSING SITE FOR LOW-SALARIED GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE EMPLOYEES AND SQUATTERS

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as " The Idle Disposable Public Land Conversion Act."

SECTION 2. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote the housing needs of its inhabitants specifically the low-salaried employees in both the public and private sectors including the squatters in the urban areas who can hardly afford a decent dwelling other than a socialized housing program.

SECTION 3. To carry out the provisions of this Act, the National Housing Authority is hereby directed to conduct a survey of idle government lands in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources which shall be opened for social housing.

The National Housing Authority after pinpointing the idle disposable public lands shall publish the areas for socialized housing projects and thereafter allocate such lands to the qualified applicants for their housing needs.

The Bureau of Lands shall furnish the list of all disposable idle public lands within two (2) months from the approval of this Act to the National Housing Authority and issue the necessary transfer certificate of title (TCT) accordingly to speed up attainment of the targeted housing development program.

SECTION 4. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. In case any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,