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House Bill No. 2723

Introduced by **Honorable PEDRO M. PANCHO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Thousands of school sites in our country were donated to the government before and after World War II. At that time, the value of those properties was only at PhP500.00 per hectare. Now, the family of the donors is complaining and wants to get back these lands for the reason that despite the many years passed, no certificate of title has been issued for the contributions of their deceased parents. The cost of land has risen to million of pesos per hectare. Most of them are situated in choice locations where the family can demand for a very good price. The surviving children of the donors are now insisting for the documents from the concerned Local Governments Units and the Department of Education to rationalize the existence of an educational institution. For lack of supporting documents, the donors' heirs are now asking for the full value or half of it, which translates to billion of pesos for all the assumed property of the government especially that of school sites. The family of the donors is agreeable to sell for four million pesos per hectare to future claims of the donors' heirs.

Time will come when the family will have a solid right to file their claim against the municipality or the Department of Education. This is because the concerned agency failed to register the land in their names even after the lapse of 50 years. The titling of all lands used as school sites is the solution to prevent future court litigations between the donors' children and the LGUs and DepEd.

Said agencies have neglected for so many years to effect the titling of these properties which will cost billion of pesos to replace. Should the donors' family succeed in their recovery court suits?

These school sites are usually located in a very accessible area and are important to the students for their intellectual development and bright future.

In view of the foregoing approval of this attached bill is requested.



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"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TITLING AND REGISTRATION OF ALL SCHOOL SITES IN THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR."

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

SECTION 1. The titling and registration of all school sites in the name of the municipality where located is hereby authorized.

SEC. 2. The Department of Justice shall formulate and promulgate the necessary guidelines to expedite the desired titling and registration.

SEC. 3. The funds necessary for the proper implementation shall be charged against the Department of Education.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED,