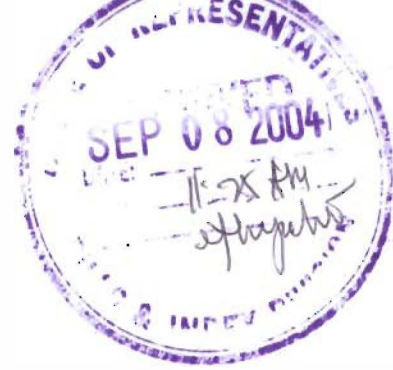


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

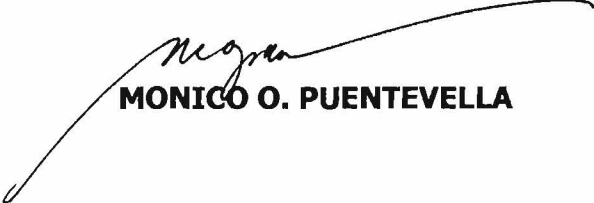
This bill seeks to fulfill the thrusts of the administration of Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo as announced in her first State of the Nation Address, particularly in the issue of providing Socialized Mass Housing for the millions of Filipinos who do not have a home to call their own.

The City of Bacolod has a total population of approximately 429,000 people with an annual growth rate of 1.39%. A recent survey has shown that about 4,000 squatter families live in areas considered as danger zones in locations such as bridges, esteros, waterways and the like. A larger number of squatter families, though not situated in danger zones mentioned, otherwise occupy lands of public and private domain.

Bacolod City has a growing number of homeless families, present statistics will show that about 25-30% of the population are squatters and the number is expected to swell in the coming years. Without concrete action from both the national and local government such as this proposed socialized housing, vagrancy, crime and lawlessness will become prevalent in the city.

This bill aims to alleviate the plight of these homeless families who are in dire need to be relocated to more habitable areas. The passage of this bill will not only provide a better future for the beneficiaries and the city itself but would also be a small step towards achieving the goals of this administration.

Thus, the passage of this bill is earnestly enjoined.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MASS HOUSING PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF
BACOLOD, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

Section 1. There is hereby established a Mass Housing Program for and in the City of Bacolod, Province of Negros Occidental.

Section 2. The Sangguniang Panlungsod, in consultation with the City Housing Board, shall identify and schedule priority areas among the City's sixty-one (61) barangays therein.

Section 3. The National Housing Authority and all shelter agencies of the National Government shall closely coordinate with the City Government in the implementation of this program. .

Section 4. The amount of Fifty Million Pesos (P 50,000,000.00) is hereby set aside for the initial funding of this program, and corresponding amounts shall be incorporated in the annual national budget to ensure the effective implementation of this bill.

Section 5. The Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,