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HOUSE BILL NO. 2872

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Introduced by: **Hon. Eduardo V. Roquero, M.D.**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to immediately increase the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of recipient local government units (LGUs) of relocated and resettled underprivileged and homeless constituents also known as informal settlers.

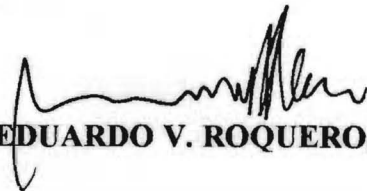
Shelter remains a major problem for many Filipinos. A study shows that informal settlers comprise forty percent (40%) of the country's urban population.

Provision for shelter is one of the biggest problem confronting LGUs. Thus, the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992 addresses the squatter problem in Metro Manila and other major cities and municipalities nationwide. Under the law, LGUs are mandated to provide areas within its jurisdiction for the relocation and resettlement of informal settlers from their localities and from other municipalities or cities.

Relocation and resettlement could have been successful but it became a problem for LGUs when informal settlers came to settle in their areas. Many LGUs are complaining of financial difficulties since the exodus of informal settlers constitutes an added burden on their coffers. Hence, they fail to provide basic services and facilities in resettlement or relocation areas due to scant resources.

In the light of the foregoing, this bill aims to address the problem of providing livelihood programs and basic services and facilities in resettlement or relocation areas by immediately increasing the internal revenue allotment (IRA) of LGU which provides available sites for resettlement or relocation of informal settlers in the succeeding fiscal year. This will not only strengthen the financial capabilities of the LGU concerned but will also ensure the success of relocation programs of the government because funds are immediately made available for basic services, programs and projects necessary in the resettlement communities.

Approval of this bill is highly recommended.

  
**EDUARDO V. ROQUERO, M.D.** 

“IN ADDITION, THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT (IRA) OF RECIPIENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF RELOCATED AND RESETTLED INFORMAL SETTLERS SHALL BE INCREASED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ACTUAL RELOCATION: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT APPURTENANT INCREASE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR: PROVIDED,

FURTHER, THAT THE RECIPIENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT SHALL CERTIFY AS TO THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF RELOCATTEES AND SUBMIT THE SAME IN THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCY IN LIEU OF THE CENSUS REQUIRED UNDER EXISTING LAWS: PROVIDED, FINALLY THAT SAID INCREASE SHALL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS, BASIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES WITHIN THE RELOCATION AND RESETTLEMENT AREAS.

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Sec. 2. The Secretary of Interior and Local Government, in coordination with the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for a just and equitable allocation scheme for the effective implementation of the provision of this Act.

Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,