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House Bill No. **1041**

Introduced by **Honorable Joseph Gilbert F. Violago**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The right to a decent housing of every Filipino is enshrined in our Constitution. Section 9 of Article XIII states that "the State shall, by law, and for the common good, undertake, in cooperation with the private sector, a continuing program of urban land reform and housing which will make available at affordable cost decent housing and basic services to underprivileged and homeless citizens in urban centers and resettlement areas." This is one basic need that every Filipino family hopes to achieve – a decent home they could call their own. While there are many government programs being implemented to address this problem, still, it is not enough to cope with the increasing demand for housing units. Aside from financing, the lack of available land for residential purposes also poses a big stumbling block to fully implement housing programs.

Hence, this bill to identify and declare all disposable government lands which have remained idle and suitable for residential purposes, to develop the same into socialized housing site for low salaried government and private employees and squatters as well.

Approval of this Bill is earnestly enjoined.


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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 Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

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

SEC. 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 urban areas who can hardly afford a decent dwelling other than a socialized housing program.

SEC. 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 socialized housing;

The National Housing Authority (NHA) after identifying the idle disposable public lands shall publish the areas of 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 NHA and issue the necessary transfer of certificate of title (TCT) accordingly to fast-track the implementation of the socialized housing programs.

SEC. 4. If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect;

SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, order, rules and regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly;

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,