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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Investment in public education is a sound economics since human capital is the most important resource in any given society. When spending for public education increases, the quality of public education also increases.

Given the limited resources of the government to address all the needs of our public educational system, this bill proposes that developers of subdivision projects shall allot an additional five percent (5%) of the project's land area or its equivalent amount of the total project's cost for the development or construction of public schools.

In view of the foregoing premise, approval of this bill is ardently sought.


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**AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 18 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS,
"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AND CONTINUING URBAN
DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING PROGRAM, ESTABLISH THE MECHANISM FOR ITS
IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."**

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

SECTION 1. Section 18 of RA 7279 is hereby amended, to read as follows:

"Sec. 18. **Balanced Housing and Community Developments.** — The Program shall include a system to be specified in the Framework plan whereby developers of proposed subdivision projects shall be required to develop an area for socialized housing and community development projects wherein:

(a) at least twenty percent (20%) of the total subdivision area or its equivalent to the total subdivision project cost, at the option of the developer, within the same city or municipality, whenever feasible, and in accordance with the standards set by the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board and other existing laws shall be utilized for balanced housing development. The balanced housing development as herein required may also be complied with by the developers concerned in any of the following manner:

- (1) Development of new settlement;***
- (2) Slum upgrading or renewal of areas for priority development either through zonal improvement programs or slum improvement and resettlement programs;***
- (3) Joint-venture projects with either the local government units or any of the housing agencies; or***

(4) Participation in the community mortgage program.

(b) at least five percent (5%) of the total subdivision area or its equivalent to the total subdivision project cost, at the option of the developer shall be donated to the concerned city/municipal local government. The donated land or its equivalent amount shall be exclusively or solely used for the development and construction of public schools”.

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules or regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,