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House Bill No. **87**

Introduced by Honorable Amado S. Bagatsing

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the Philippine Constitutional Commission of 1986, squatting stems from the unbalanced socio-economic conditions obtaining in Philippine society. Hence, the 1987 Constitution incorporated in its social justice provisions that the State shall by law undertake a continuing program of urban land reform and housing and basic services to the underprivileged and homeless citizens in urban centers and resettlement areas. Accordingly, the Congress, in 1992, enacted Republic Act No. (R.A.) 7279 otherwise known as the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992 (UDHA) where squatting syndicates was defined as groups of persons engaged in the business of squatter housing for profit or gain (Sec. 3[s], RA 7279) and punished.

Squatting business is a lucrative business where an individual could make hundreds of millions of pesos at the expense of the urban poor, hard-earning citizens such as the overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), as well as the unsuspecting retired citizens who all dream that someday they could have a lot of their own. In exchange for their hard-earned money, they are shown reproduction copies of Spanish titles purportedly extended by the King of Spain covering vast tracts of land and are deceived into occupying lots allegedly covered by the such titles notwithstanding a decree issued by then President Marcos and the declaration by the Supreme Court in the case of Intestate Estate of the late Don Mariano San Pedro Y Esteban (G.R. No. 103727 and G.R. No. 106496, Dec. 18, 1996) that Titulo de Propriedad No. 4136 is null and void. As a result, thousands of our citizens become victims by unscrupulous persons peddling such spurious titles.

It is worth noting, however, that nothing in our penal statute books state that an individual should be penalized for engaging in the business of squatter housing such as an individual squatter who engages in the squatting business by selling rights over a parcel of land not belonging to him/her. Neither is there anything in the penal statute books punishing a corporation, association, or organization that is engaged in squatting business by selling lands or rights over such lands not belonging to it.

The gravity of this offense, seen in the context of the present situation, is so alarming such that this bill seeks to remedy the situation. It defines the illegal business of squatter housing to include it in our penal statute books and penalize the same. It also redefines squatting syndicates to include racketeers.

This bill provides for additional mechanisms to curtail the illegal activities of squatting racketeers or syndicates, defining the prima facie evidence against them, the venue for the institution of criminal action, and the mandatory period for the resolution of cases against illegal business of squatter housing, among others.

It further strengthens the mechanisms in the government's drive against professional squatters and squatting syndicates or racketeers by defining the roles of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, the Philippine National Police, the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor, the Department of Justice, and other certain agencies concerned.

Likewise, the bill provides stiffer penalties against professional squatters and squatting racketeers or syndicates.

Finally, the bill provides relief to private property owners, especially small private property owners, whose land is occupied by informal settlers by providing mechanisms for relocation assistance to the latter.

This bill is a refiled bill of House Bill No. 4101 entitled "Anti-Professional Squatters and Squatting Racketeer/s or Syndicates Drive Reforms Act of 2013", authored by the undersigned during the 15th Congress. It was approved on third reading by the House of Representatives in June 2011 as House Bill No. 4656 with the following additional authors: Representatives Calimbas-Villarosa, Valencia, Lico, Violago, Leonen-Pizarro, Acharon, Kho (D.), Herrera-Dy, Mariano, Sy-Alvarado, De Jesus, Padilla and Ejercito, per Committee Report No. 913. It may be noted that a similar bill was also filed by the undersigned during the 14th Congress.

In view hereof, early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

INSTITUTING REFORMS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S DRIVE AGAINST PROFESSIONAL SQUATTERS AND
SQUATTING RACKETEER/S OR SYNDICATES, STRENGTHENING THE MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **Section 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known and cited as the "Anti-Professional Squatters
2 and Squatting Racketeer/s or Syndicates Drive Reforms Act of 2013."

3 **Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to curb the
4 nefarious activities of professional squatters and the squatting racketeer /s or syndicates that prey
5 on both the underprivileged and homeless citizens and private property owners.

6 **Sec. 3. Statement of Objectives.** - This Act is intended to reinforce the drive against
7 professional squatters and squatting racketeer/s or syndicates and to strengthen the mechanisms
8 to effectively curtail their wicked activities, the usual victims of which are the legitimate urban poor
9 beneficiaries.

10 It also aims to provide relief to both the underprivileged and homeless citizens and the small
11 private property owners whose respective lands have been unduly occupied.

1 **Sec. 4. Definition of Terms.** - For purposes of this Act and consistent with the provisions of

2 Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7279, otherwise known as the Urban Development and Housing Act of
3 1992, the following terms shall mean:

4 a) **Professional squatters** refer to individuals or groups who occupy land without the
5 express consent of the landowner and who have sufficient income for legitimate
6 housing; the term shall also apply to persons who have previously been awarded
7 homelots or housing units by the government but who sold, leased or transferred the
8 same to settle illegally in the same place or in another urban area; and to non-bona
9 fide occupants and intruders of lands reserved for socialized housing: *Provided, That the*
10 term shall not apply to individuals or groups who simply rent land and housing from
11 professional squatters or squatting syndicates;

12 b) **Resettlement areas** refer to areas identified by the appropriate national agency or by
13 the local government unit with respect to areas within its jurisdiction, which shall be used
14 for the relocation of the underprivileged and homeless citizens;

15 c) **Small property owners** refer to those whose only real property consists of residential
16 lands not exceeding three hundred square meters (300 sq.m) in highly urbanized cities
17 and eight hundred square meters (800 sq.m) in other urban areas;

18 d) **Socialized housing** refers to housing programs and projects covering houses and lots or
19 homelots only undertaken by the government or the private sector for the
20 underprivileged and homeless citizens which shall include sites and services
21 development, long-term financing, liberalized terms on interest payments, and such
22 other benefits in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

23 e) **Underprivileged and homeless citizens** refer to the beneficiaries of this Act and to
24 individuals or families residing in urban and urbanizable areas whose income or
25 combined household income falls within the poverty threshold as defined by the
26 National Economic and Development Authority and who do not own housing facilities.
27 These shall include those who live in makeshift dwelling units and do not enjoy security
28 of tenure.

1 **Sec. 5. "Illegal Business of Squatter Housing" and "Squatting Racketeer/s or Syndicates"**

2 **Defined.**

3 a) Section 3 of R.A. No. 7279 is hereby amended by inserting a new sub-paragraph
4 after sub-paragraph (e) to be designated as sub-paragraph (f) and which shall read as
5 follows:

6 "F) 'ILLEGAL BUSINESS OF SQUATTER HOUSING' REFERS TO THE CARRYING OUT OF AN
7 ACTIVITY, INTENDING TO DECEIVE OR DEFRAUD OTHER PERSON/S, CLAIMING OWNERSHIP,
8 OF A PIECE OF LAND OR THE AUTHORITY TO DISPOSE SAID LAND AND/OR TO CONVEY
9 PROPRIETARY RIGHTS OR OWNERSHIP OVER THE SAME OR EVEN PORTIONS THEREOF
10 WHEN, IN TRUTH AND IN FACT, NO SUCH LEGAL RIGHT OR AUTHORITY EXISTS. IT SHALL BE
11 CONSIDERED AS AN OFFENSE INVOLVING ECONOMIC SABOTAGE. THE PERSONS
12 CRIMINALLY LIABLE FOR THE ABOVE OFFENSE ARE THE PRINCIPAL, ACCOMPLICES, AND
13 ACCESSORIES. IN THE CASE OF A JURIDICAL PERSON, THE OFFICERS HAVING CONTROL,
14 MANAGEMENT, OR DIRECTION OF THEIR BUSINESS SHALL BE LIABLE;"

15 Accordingly, sub-paragraphs (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p), (q), (r), (s), (t),
16 (u), (v), (w), and (x) shall be re-designated as sub-paragraphs (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m),
17 (n), (o), (p), (q), (r), (s), (t), (u), (v), (w), (x), and (y), respectively.

18 b) Re-designated sub-paragraph (t), Section 3 of the same Act is hereby amended to
19 read as follows:

20 "t) 'Squatting RACKETEER/S OR syndicates' refers to PERSON/S OR groups of persons
21 engaged in the ILLEGAL business of squatter housing for profit or gain, WHETHER FOR
22 FINANCIAL OR POLITICAL ADVANTAGE;"

23 **Sec. 6. Strengthening the Mechanisms in the Drive Against Professional Squatters and**
24 **Squatting Racketeer/s or Syndicates.** - In order to effectively suppress the activities of professional
25 squatters and the squatting racketeer/s or syndicates, it is imperative to strengthen the present
26 mechanisms being used against them and to increase the penalty for their nefarious acts. For this
27 purpose, Section 27 of R.A. No. 7279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1 "SEC. 27. Action Against Professional Squatters' and Squatting RACKETEER/S OR
2 Syndicates. - The CONCERNED local government units AND/OR THE HOUSING AND URBAN
3 DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL, in cooperation with the Philippine National
4 Police, the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP) and the PCUP accredited
5 urban poor organizations in the area, shall adopt measures to identify and effectively
6 curtail the nefarious and illegal activities of professional squatters and squatting
7 RACKETEER/S OR syndicates, as herein defined.

8 THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SHALL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LOCAL
9 GOVERNMENT UNITS AND THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING
10 COUNCIL, TAKE THE LEAD IN THE PROSECUTION OF IDENTIFIED PROFESSIONAL SQUATTERS
11 AND SQUATTING SYNDICATES.

12 THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL, THE
13 CONCERNED LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SHALL HAVE
14 AUTHORITY TO CALL ON THE FULL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING RELEVANT
15 AGENCIES:

- 16 A. PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR
- 17 B. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- 18 C. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
- 19 D. PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE
- 20 E. NATIONAL URBAN POOR SECTORAL COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL ANTI- POVERTY
21 COMMISSION
- 22 F. NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
- 23 G. LAND REGISTRATION AUTHORITY, AND
- 24 H. OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL

25 THE NATIONAL POLICE TASK FORCE TO APPREHEND SQUATTING SYNDICATES AND
26 PROFESSIONAL SQUATTERS CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO., 178, S. 1999, AS
27 AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 153, S. 2002, AND HEREBY RENAMED THE NATIONAL
28 POLICE TASK FORCE TO APPREHEND PROFESSIONAL SQUATTERS AND SQUATTING

1 RACKETEER/S OR SYNDICATES, SHALL SERVE AS THE OPERATIONAL ARM OF THE HOUSING
2 AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL.

3 THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE SHALL DESIGNATE SUCH FULL-TIME STAFF OR
4 PERSONNEL TO EFFECTIVELY PURSUE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TASK FORCE.

5 THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR SHALL EXTEND SECRETARIAT
6 SUPPORT TO THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL,
7 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE NATIONAL POLICE TASK FORCE.

8 Any person or group identified as such shall be summarily evicted and their
9 dwellings or structures demolished AFTER DUE NOTICE, and shall be disqualified to avail of
10 the benefits of the Program. [A public official who tolerates or abets the commission of the
11 abovementioned acts shall be dealt with in accordance with existing laws.]

12 For purposes of this Act, professional squatters [or members of squatting syndicates]
13 shall be imposed the penalty of [six (6) years] PRISION MAYOR OR imprisonment OF SIX (6)
14 YEARS AND ONE (1) DAY TO TWELVE (12) YEARS or a fine of not less than [Sixty] TWO
15 HUNDRED thousand pesos [(P60,000.00)] (P200,000.00) but not more than [One] FIVE
16 hundred thousand pesos [(P100,000)] (P500,000.00), or both, at the discretion of the
17 court. SQUATTING RACKETEER/S OR MEMBERS OF SQUATTING SYNDICATES SHALL SUFFER THE
18 PENALTY OF RECLUSION PERPETUA OR LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

19 ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE WHO TOLERATES OR ABETS THE COMMISSION OF
20 THE ABOVEMENTIONED ACTS SHALL LIKEWISE BE IMPOSED THE PENALTY OF RECLUSION
21 PERPETUA OR LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND PERMANENT ABSOLUTE' DISQUALIFICATION FROM
22 HOLDING PUBLIC OFFICE, INCLUDING IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND/OR-CONTROLLED
23 CORPORATIONS, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE PROSECUTION OF THE SAID OFFICIAL OR
24 EMPLOYEE UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE OR OTHER EXISTING LAWS.

25 **Sec. 7. Additional Mechanisms to Curtail the Illegal Activities of Squatting Racketeer/s or**
26 **Syndicates.** – (a) In furtherance of the drive to effectively curtail the nefarious and illegal activities
27 of squatting racketeer/s or syndicates there are hereby inserted after Sec. 27 of R.A. No. 7279 three

(3) new sections to be designated as Section 28, Section 29, and Section 30 which shall read as follows:

"SEC. 28. *PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE AGAINST SQUATTING RACKETEER/S OR SYNDICATES.*

-- ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL CONSTITUTE *PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE* AGAINST SQUATTING RACKETEER/S OR SYNDICATES.

A. THE USE OF FAKE AND/OR MANUFACTURED TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE OR COURT DECISION;

B. THE USE OF A SPANISH TITLE OR ROYAL DECREE THAT WAS DECLARED BY FINAL JUDGMENT WITHOUT FORCE AND EFFECT OR OF A VOID CERTIFICATE OF TITLE;

C. THE USE OF A DEED OF ASSIGNMENT OR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY, OR A DONATION OR SALE BASED ON A SPANISH TITLE OR ROYAL DECREE THAT WAS DECLARED BY FINAL JUDGMENT WITHOUT FORCE AND EFFECT OR BASED ON VOID CERTIFICATES OF TITLE OR FAKE AND/OR MANUFACTURED CERTIFICATE OF TITLE OR COURT DECISION;

D. THE ACT OF ORGANIZING ASSOCIATIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING COOPERATIVES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING MEMBERSHIP FEES OR OTHER CHARGES OR OF DERIVING GAIN, PROFIT OR FINANCIAL ADVANTAGE BASED ON A SPANISH TITLE OR ROYAL DECREE THAT WAS DECLARED BY FINAL JUDGMENT WITHOUT FORCE AND EFFECT OR BASED ON A VOID CERTIFICATE OF TITLE OR FAKE AND/OR MANUFACTURED TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE OR COURT DECISION.

"SEC. 29. *VENUE OF ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL BUSINESS OF SQUATTER HOUSING; MANDATORY PERIODS FOR RESOLUTION; AND PRESCRIPTIVE PERIOD.* - A CRIMINAL ACTION ARISING FROM ILLEGAL BUSINESS OF SQUATTER HOUSING AS HEREIN DEFINED SHALL BE FILED WITH THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF THE PROVINCE OR CITY WHERE THE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED OR WHERE THE OFFENDED PARTY ACTUALLY RESIDES AT THE TIME OF THE COMMISSION OF THE OFFENSE: PROVIDED, THAT THE COURT WHERE THE CRIMINAL ACTION IS FIRST FILED SHALL ACQUIRE JURISDICTION TO THE EXCLUSION OF OTHER COURTS.

1 THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF CASES UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE TERMINATED
2 WITHIN A PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THEIR FILING. WHERE
3 THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION IS CONDUCTED BY A PROSECUTOR AND A *PRIMA FACIE*
4 CASE IS ESTABLISHED, THE CORRESPONDING INFORMATION SHALL BE FILED IN COURT WITHIN
5 TWENTY FOUR (24) HOURS FROM THE TERMINATION OF THE INVESTIGATION. IF THE
6 PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION IS CONDUCTED BY A PROSECUTOR AND A *PRIMA FACIE* CASE IS
7 FOUND TO EXIST, THE CORRESPONDING INFORMATION SHALL BE FILED BY THE PROPER
8 PROSECUTOR WITHIN FORTY EIGHT (48) HOURS FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF THE RECORDS
9 OF THE CASE.

10 ILLEGAL BUSINESS OF SQUATTER HOUSING CASES UNDER THIS ACT SHALL PRESCRIBE IN
11 TWENTY (20) YEARS.

12 "SEC. 30. *FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE; PREFERENTIAL ENTITLEMENT UNDER THE WITNESS*
13 *PROTECTION PROGRAM.* - A MECHANISM FOR FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF
14 ILLEGAL BUSINESS OF SQUATTER HOUSING SHALL BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE HOUSING AND
15 URBAN DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL. SUCH MECHANISM MUST INCLUDE
16 COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THE INTEGRATED
17 BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND OTHER NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND
18 VOLUNTEER GROUPS.

19 ANY PERSON WHO IS A VICTIM OF ILLEGAL BUSINESS OF SQUATTER HOUSING SHALL BE
20 ENTITLED TO THE WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM PROVIDED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF
21 REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6981 ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A WITNESS PROTECTION,
22 SECURITY AND BENEFIT PROGRAM AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

23 Accordingly, Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45,
24 46, 47, 48, 49 of R.A. No. 7279 shall be re-numbered as Sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38,
25 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 52, respectively.

26 (b) Re-designated Section 48 of R.A. No. 7279, is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 "SEC. 48. *Penalty Clause.* - Any person, OTHER THAN THOSE WHO COMMIT THE ILLEGAL
28 ACTS OF PROFESSIONAL SQUATTERS, SQUATTING RACKETEER/S OR SYNDICATES, THOSE THAT

1 TOLERATE OR ABET THE SAID ACTS, AND THOSE WHO ENGAGE IN THE ILLEGAL BUSINESS OF SQUATTER
2 HOUSING, who violates any provision of this Act shall be imposed the penalty of not more than six
3 (6) years of imprisonment or a fine of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000) but not more than
4 One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000), or both, at the discretion of the court: Provided, That, if
5 the offender is a corporation, partnership, association or other judicial entity, the penalty shall be
6 imposed on the officer or officers of said corporation, partnership, association or juridical entity who
7 caused the violation.

8 PROSECUTION UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANY LIABILITY FOR
9 VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE.

10 **Sec. 8. Relief to Private Property Owners and the Underprivileged and Homeless Citizens**
11 **Occupying Privately-owned Lands.** - In respect of the rights of private property owners, especially
12 small property owners, and in order to alleviate the condition of the underprivileged and homeless
13 citizens occupying privately-owned lands, re-designated Sections 32 and 33 of R.A. No. 7279 are
14 hereby amended.

15 a) Re-designated Section 32 of R.A. No. 7279 shall read as follows:

16 "SEC. 32. *Resettlement.* - Within two (2) years from the effectivity of this Act the local
17 government units, in coordination with the National Housing Authority shall implement the
18 relocation and resettlement of persons living in danger areas such as esteros, railroad
19 tracks, garbage dumps, riverbanks shorelines, waterways, and in other public places such
20 as sidewalks, roads, parks and playgrounds. The local government unit, in coordination with
21 the National Housing Authority, shall provide relocation or resettlement sites with basic
22 services and facilities and access to employment and livelihood opportunities sufficient to
23 meet the basic needs of the affected families.

24 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT SHALL, IN COORDINATION WITH THE NATIONAL
25 HOUSING AUTHORITY OR THE SOCIAL HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, LIKEWISE PROVIDE
26 RESETTLEMENT SITES OR RELOCATION TO A COMMUNITY MORTGAGE PROGRAM HOUSING
27 PROJECT, COMPLETE WITH BASIC SERVICES, TO UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS
28 OCCUPYING PRIVATE LANDS OWNED BY SMALL PROPERTY OWNERS UPON APPLICATION BY

1 THE LATTER WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED FOR THE RESETTLEMENT OR
2 RELOCATION OF THE INDIVIDUALS OCCUPYING THEIR PROPERTY AND UPON PROPER
3 QUALIFICATION OF THE TARGET BENEFICIARIES. THE PCUP SHALL ASSIST THE LOCAL
4 GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE REGISTRATION OF THE UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS
5 CITIZENS OCCUPYING SMALL PRIVATELY-OWNED LANDS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE
6 JURISDICTION FOR QUALIFICATION PURPOSES. ONCE QUALIFIED THROUGH THE REGISTRATION
7 PROCESS, SAID UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO
8 RESETTLEMENT OR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE.

9 b) Re-designated Section 33 of R.A. 7279 shall read as follows:

10 "SEC. 33. *Prohibition Against New Illegal Structures.* - It shall be unlawful for any
11 person to construct any structure in areas mentioned in the preceding section, INCLUDING
12 PRIVATELY-OWNED LANDS.

13 **Sec. 9. Annual Report.** - The Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, the
14 local governments through the Department of Interior and Local Government, the Department of
15 Justice, the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor, and the Philippine National Police shall
16 submit a detailed annual report with respect to the implementation of this Act to the President
17 and to the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Congress of the Republic of the
18 Philippines through the House Committee on Housing and Urban Development and the Senate
19 Committee on Urban Planning, Housing, and Resettlement.

20 **Sec. 10. Funding.** - The initial funding requirement for the implementation of this Act shall be
21 charged against the current budget of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council
22 (HUDCC) and thereafter to be included in the annual General Appropriations Act: Provided, That
23 the National Housing Authority shall immediately set aside funds for the resettlement of the victims
24 under this Act: *Provided, further,* That the National Home Mortgage Corporation through the Social
25 Housing and Finance Corporation shall allocate any of its existing funds under the Community
26 Mortgage Program (CMP) to immediately implement this Act and thereafter in the annual General
27 Appropriations Act.

1 **Sec. 11. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The Housing and Urban Development

2 Coordinating Council, Department of Justice, Department of Interior and Local Government, and

3 Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor, in consultation with the Philippine National Police, shall

4 promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations necessary to implement the provisions of

5 Sections 6 and 7 hereof while the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council,

6 Department of Interior and Local Government, Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor,

7 National Housing Authority, and Social Housing Finance Corporation shall promulgate the

8 Implementing Rules and Regulations necessary to implement the provisions of Section 8 hereof

9 within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act.

10 **Sec. 12. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or

11 invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

12 **Sec. 13. *Repealing Clause.*** - Sections 3 and 27, and re-designated Sections 32, 33, and 48 of

13 R.A. No. - 7279 are hereby amended. All other laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules

14 and regulations and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of

15 this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

16 **Sec. 14. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion

17 of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general

18 circulation.

19 Approved,