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HOUSE BILL No. 2951



Introduced by: HON. FELIX WILLIAM "WIMPY" B. FUENTEBELLA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

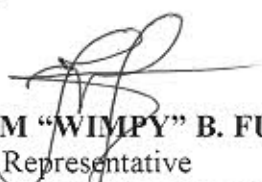
This bill seeks to institute a procedure to make all decisions and resolution to make all decisions and resolutions rendered by the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB), whether under its original or appellate jurisdiction, final and executory after ten (10) calendar days from receipt thereof by parties.

The paramount objective of this measure is to remove another administrative layer in which the litigants may explore all sorts of dilatory tactics that will hinder the speedy disposition of cases. Under some existing laws, decisions rendered by the HLURB are appealable to the Office of the President, where it has been observed that some cases languished for a number of years before decisions on the appealed cases are resolved.

It is worthy to mention that this proposal is not new. There are laws which explicitly provide that decisions of the HLURB are directly appealable to the Court of Appeals like Presidential Decree No. 1344, and the latest law is Republic Act No. 9904, which was enacted only in 2010.

With the institution of this proposed new procedure, the process will be shortened and the time and expenses will be minimized, as the losing litigant will be provided with the legal remedy of filing an appeal directly to the Court of Appeals.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. There is hereby instituted a procedure to make all decisions and resolutions rendered by the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB), whether under its original or appellate jurisdiction, final and executory after ten (10) calendar days from receipt thereof by parties:

SEC. 2. The Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) shall promulgate the rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 3. Section 5 (r) of Executive Order No. 648 (Series of 1981) and all laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,