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HOUSE BILL NO. 5487

Introduced by
REPRESENTATIVE PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is the policy of the State to create conditions that eliminate unnecessary red tape that prolong public processes - to the prejudice of the interests of the people - and serve as potential areas for corruption

One such area exists in the realm of land registration wherein the Department of Agrarian Reform ("DAR") - which reasonably should be the clearing house before land covered by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program ("CARP") could be registered - also serves, unnecessarily, as the clearing house for the registration of lands which are not covered by the CARP.

To rationalize the process, it is hereby proposed that clearance permits from the DAR for the purpose of land registration shall only apply to lands covered by CARP.

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


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AN ACT
RATIONALIZING THE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM REGARDING LAND
REGISTRATION TO FACILITATE SPEED AND EFFICIENCY IN
LAND REGISTRATION

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

SEC. 1. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the State to provide an efficient and responsive government with rationalized processes in order to facilitate speedy transactions and thus avoid processes and requirements that are unnecessary and contribute to bureaucratic red tape which are prejudicial to the interests of the people.

SEC. 2. Clearance Permits for Land Registration. Clearance or approval permits from the Department of Agrarian Reform ("DAR") for the purpose of registering land shall *only* apply to those lands which are covered by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program ("CARP").

For the registration of lands not covered by the CARP, as provided for in Section 10 of R.A. 6657, as amended, as well as those lands with a size below the five (5) hectare retention limit imposed by Section 6 of R.A. 6657, as amended, no clearance or permit from the DAR shall be required.

SEC. 3. Penalty Provision. Any public officer or employee who violates this Act shall be removed from service and shall suffer the penalty of perpetual absolute disqualification without prejudice to other criminal, civil, or administrative penalties imposable as provided for by law.

SEC. 4. Repealing Clause. All laws, rules and regulations, decrees, and issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. Separability Clause. If any part or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions which are not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The DAR shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act after its effectivity.

SEC. 7. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,