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House Bill No. 4241



Introduced by Hon. Francis Gerald Aguinaldo Abaya

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Social justice is a fundamental principle enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution. The framers of the Constitution deemed it wise to include this principle in order to uphold human dignity - to recognize the rights of all persons irrespective of their economic and social status. At the core of the proposed measure is Article XIII, Section 10 of the Constitution which provides that the urban and rural poor dwellers shall not be evicted nor their dwellings demolished, except in accordance with law and in a just and humane manner. It is notable here that it is equally important that the process of eviction must not only be compliant with the existing domestic laws but is also subject to standards of justice and humane behaviour.

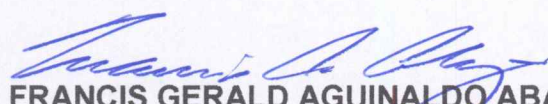
Further, it is also the State's obligation under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to refrain from forced evictions. General Comment No. 7 on Article 11 (1) of the Covenant of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights also discusses that in cases of what are considered as justified evictions, it should nevertheless be carried out in strict compliance with the relevant provisions of international human rights law and in accordance with general principles of reasonableness and proportionality.

In line with the said constitutional provision and state obligation of an international covenant, there is a need for the amendment of Republic Act No. 7279 or the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992. As it is currently worded, Section 28 of the said Act generally prohibits eviction as a practice except in three instances, namely, 1) when persons or entities occupied danger areas; 2) when government infrastructure projects are being implemented; and 3) when there is a court order for demolition. The proposed bill introduces amendments to widen the scope of implementation in order to affect more people, particularly informal settler families. The bill also provides for additional

mandatory requirements before the conduct of eviction in order to prevent violent and unjust evictions.

Another proposition of this bill is the conduct of a pre-demolition conference or PDC to ensure coordination among relevant government agencies as well as consultation with the affected families. With the additional safeguards and the inclusion of a consultative approach, the reduction of any form of aggression can be reduced, if not eliminated.

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


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**AN ACT PRESCRIBING A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE EVICTION OF
UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS OR THE DEMOLITION OF
THEIR DWELLINGS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 7279, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "URBAN
DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992"**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 28 of Republic Act Numbered 7279 is hereby amended
2 to read as follows:

3 **"Sec. 28. Eviction and Demolition.** - Eviction or demolition as a practice shall
4 be discouraged. [Eviction or demolition, however, may be allowed under the following
5 situations:]

6 a. **EVICTION OR DEMOLITION, WHEN ALLOWED. - EVICTION OR**
7 **DEMOLITION MAY BE ALLOWED UNDER THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:**

8 [(a)] 1. When persons or entities occupy a danger area[s such as *esteros*,
9 railroad tracks, garbage dumps, riverbanks, shorelines, waterways, and
10 other public places such as sidewalks, roads, parks, and playgrounds] OR
11 HIGH RISK AREA WHICH POSES A HIGH LEVEL OF THREAT TO
12 PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY THAT CANNOT BE ADDRESSED
13 THROUGH OR REMEDIED BY SCIENTIFIC, PHYSICAL, AND
14 ENGINEERING METHODS AND, THEREBY, UNSUITABLE FOR
15 SETTLEMENT AND PERMANENT STRUCTURES: PROVIDED, THAT AN
16 AREA CAN ONLY BE DECLARED AS A DANGER AREA OR HIGH RISK
17 AREA THROUGH AN APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL STUDY AND
18 ADEQUATE PUBLIC CONSULTATION WITH THE AFFECTED PERSONS
19 OR ENTITIES;

20 [(b)] 2. When government infrastructure projects with available funding are about
21 to be implemented: PROVIDED, THAT THE AGENCY WHICH SEEKS TO
22 IMPLEMENT THE EVICTION OR DEMOLITION SHALL ESTABLISH THE
23 PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND THE BUDGET

1 PERTAINING TO IT UPON ITS APPLICATION TO THE PRESIDENTIAL
2 COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR FOR AN EVICTION OR
3 DEMOLITION CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE; [or] AND

4 [(c)] 3. When there is a court order for eviction and demolition: PROVIDED,
5 HOWEVER, THAT NO EXECUTION OF EVICTION OR DEMOLITION
6 ORDER SHALL PROCEED AND BE CARRIED OUT DURING THE
7 PENDENCY OF AN APPEAL, NOTWITHSTANDING THE FAILURE TO
8 FILE A SUPERSEDEAS BOND TO STAY THE EXECUTION OF THE
9 ORDER IF THE APPELLANT IS AN UNDERPRIVILEGED AND
10 HOMELESS CITIZEN.

11 [In the execution of eviction or demolition orders involving underprivileged and
12 homeless citizens, the following shall be mandatory:]

13 b. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS BEFORE THE CONDUCT OF-EVICTION
14 OR DEMOLITION. - NO EVICTION OR DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES
15 INVOLVING UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS SHALL BE
16 EXECUTED ABSENT COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING MANDATORY
17 REQUIREMENTS:

18 1. CONDUCT OF SOCIAL PREPARATION ACTIVITIES RELATED TO
19 ASSET REFORM, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND BASIC SERVICES,
20 EMPLOYMENT AND LIVELIHOOD, AND OTHER PROGRAMS OF
21 THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE AFFECTED UNDERPRIVILEGED AND
22 HOMELESS CITIZENS;

23 [(1)] 2. Notice upon the effected persons or entities at least thirty (30) days prior
24 to the date of eviction or demolition;

25 [(2)] 3. Adequate consultations on the matter of resettlement with the duly
26 designated representatives of the families to be resettled and the
27 affected communities in the areas where they are to be relocated:
28 PROVIDED, THAT A CONSULTATION IN THE FORM OF AN INTER-
29 AGENCY PRE-EVICTION OR PRE-DEMOLITION CONFERENCE
30 WITH THE AFFECTED UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS
31 CITIZENS SHALL BE CONVENED BY THE NATIONAL
32 GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT
33 AUTHORIZED TO EVICT OR DEMOLISH AND THE SAME SHALL BE
34 COMPLIED WITH UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

35 i. THE LOCAL PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE PERSONNEL,
36 WHOSE FUNCTION IS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
37 CIVIL DISTURBANCE CONTROL BUT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN
38 THE PHYSICAL DISMANTLING OF ANY STRUCTURE, SHALL
39 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS
40 AND THEIR ROLE SHALL BE CLEARLY SET FORTH;

41 ii. THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES SHALL BE REPRESENTED DURING
42 THE INTERAGENCY PRE-EVICTION OR PRE-DEMOLITION
43 CONFERENCE WITH THE AFFECTED UNDERPRIVILEGED AND
44 HOMELESS CITIZENS: THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND

1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
2 WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND
4 HIGHWAYS, THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE
5 PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR, THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN
7 RIGHTS, APPROPRIATE KEY SHELTER AGENCIES, AND THE
8 BARANGAY CONCERNED;

9 iii. THE INTER-AGENCY PRE-EVICTION OR PRE-DEMOLITION
10 CONFERENCE WITH THE AFFECTED UNDERPRIVILEGED AND
11 HOMELESS CITIZENS SHALL BE PRESIDED BY THE
12 PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR, WHICH
13 MAY CALL ON THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHER AGENCIES
14 WHENEVER NECESSARY;

15 iv. THE DETAILS OF THE INTER-AGENCY PRE-EVICTION OR PRE-
16 DEMOLITION CONFERENCE WITH THE AFFECTED
17 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS SHALL BE
18 DOCUMENTED OR RECORDED, AND A SUMMARY OF THE
19 POINTS OF THE AGREEMENTS ARRIVED AT AS WELL AS THE
20 DISAGREEMENTS THEREON SHALL FORM PART OF THE
21 DOCUMENTATION, COPIES OF WHICH SHALL BE PROVIDED TO
22 ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT; AND

23 v. THE INTER-AGENCY PRE-EVICTION OR PRE-DEMOLITION
24 CONFERENCE WITH THE AFFECTED UNDERPRIVILEGED AND
25 HOMELESS CITIZENS SHALL BE CONDUCTED NOT LATER
26 THAN SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS PRIOR TO THE INTENDED
27 DATE OF EVICTION OR DEMOLITION, AND IN NO CASE SHALL
28 THE CONFERENCE BE HELD WITHIN THE SAME PRESCRIPTIVE
29 PERIOD: PROVIDED, THAT A REQUEST FOR POLICE
30 ASSISTANCE SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFICATION
31 FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN
32 POOR THAT AN INTER-AGENCY PREEVICTION OR PRE-
33 DEMOLITION CONFERENCE WITH THE AFFECTED
34 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS WAS
35 CONDUCTED;

36 4. A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE SECURED FROM THE
37 PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR PRIOR TO
38 THE ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EVICTION OR
39 DEMOLITION ACTIVITY;

40 5. SUBMISSION TO THE BARANGAY OFFICIALS OF THE FOLLOWING:

41 i. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE;

42 ii. NAMES OF ALL PERSONNEL, STAFF, AND CREW TAKING PART
43 IN THE EVICTION OR DEMOLITION ACTIVITY, INCLUDING
44 PRIVATE SECURITY, AND THE NAMES OF THE PHILIPPINE

1 NATIONAL POLICE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO MAINTAIN LAW
2 AND ORDER;

3 iii. NOTICE OF THE DATE OF DEMOLITION WHICH SHALL BE AT
4 LEAST FIVE (5) CALENDAR DAYS FROM SUCH NOTICE; AND

5 iv. LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE AGENCIES FORMING PART OF THE
6 INTERAGENCY BODY CONVENED TO EXTEND SUPPORT AND
7 ASSISTANCE;

8 [(3)] 6. Presence of local government officials or their representatives during
9 eviction or demolition;

10 [(4)] 7. Proper identification of all persons taking part in the demolition;

11 [(5)] 8. Execution of eviction or demolition only during regular office hours from
12 Mondays to Fridays and during good weather, unless the affected families
13 consent otherwise;

14 [(6)] 9. No use of heavy equipment for demolition except for structures that are
15 permanent and of concrete materials;

16 [(7)] 10. Proper uniforms for members of the Philippine National Police who shall
17 occupy the first line of law enforcement and observe proper disturbance
18 control procedures;

19 11. OBSERVANCE OF A MINIMUM STANDARD OF CONDUCT BASED ON
20 RULES OF ENGAGEMENT THAT APPLY MAXIMUM TOLERANCE IN
21 ORDER TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE OR THE
22 ESCALATION THEREOF;

23 [(8)] 12. Adequate relocation, whether temporary or permanent; Provided, however,
24 That in cases of eviction and demolition pursuant to a court order involving
25 underprivileged and homeless citizens, relocation shall be undertaken by
26 the local government unit concerned and the National Housing Authority
27 with the assistance of other government agencies within forty-five (45) days
28 from service of notice of final judgment by the court, after which period the
29 said order shall be executed: Provided, further, That should relocation not
30 be possible within the said period, financial assistance in the amount
31 equivalent to the prevailing minimum daily wage multiplied by sixty (60)
32 days shall be extended to the affected families by the local government unit
33 concerned.

34 OBSERVANCE OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS SHALL B.E
35 MANDATORY IN ALL CASES INVOLVING THE EVICTION AND DEMOLITION
36 OF UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS, REGARDLESS OF
37 WHETHER OR NOT THEIR DWELLINGS OR RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES
38 WERE CONSTRUCTED AFTER THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT.

39 [The Department of Interior and Local Government and the Housing and
40 Urban Development Coordinating Council shall jointly promulgate the necessary
41 rules and regulations to carry out the above provision.]

42 c. PROHIBITION AGAINST EVICTION BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
43 FENCE ENCLOSING A PROPERTY INHABITED BY
44 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS WHICH IS RAZED

1 TO THE GROUND BY A FIRE OR RUINED BY A NATURAL
2 CALAMITY. - NO PERSON SHALL SECURE OR BUILD A PERIMETER
3 FENCE ON AN AREA OR PROPERTY INHABITED BY
4 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS AFTER THE SAME
5 IS RAZED TO THE GROUND BY A FIRE OR RUINED BY A NATURAL
6 CALAMITY: PROVIDED, THAT THE FENCING OF THE PROPERTY
7 SHALL BE ALLOWED IF THE PERSON CAUSING THE FENCING
8 CAN SHOW A DULY-SIGNED COURT ORDER ALLOWING THE
9 SAME.

10 d. DESIGNATION OF A CENTRAL COORDINATING BODY FOR
11 EVICTION AND DEMOLITION. THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION
12 FOR THE URBAN POOR IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THE
13 CENTRAL COORDINATING BODY FOR THE CONDUCT OF
14 EVICTION AND DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES INVOLVING
15 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS. IT SHALL
16 EXERCISE THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND FUNCTIONS:

17 1. MONITOR ALL EVICTIONS AND DEMOLITIONS, WHETHER
18 EXTRA-JUDICIAL OR COURT-ORDERED, INVOLVING
19 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS;

20 2. REQUIRE A GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
21 UNIT PROPOSING TO UNDERTAKE EVICTION OR DEMOLITION
22 ACTIVITIES TO SECURE FIRST FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL
23 COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR CENTRAL OFFICE, IN
24 THE CASE OF NATIONAL PROJECTS, OR FROM ITS REGIONAL
25 OFFICE, IN THE CASE OF LOCAL PROJECTS, THE CHECKLIST
26 AND GUIDELINES FOR THE NATIONAL PROJECTS OR LOCAL
27 PROJECTS, RESPECTIVELY, ON EVICTION OR DEMOLITION
28 PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND,
29 SUBSEQUENTLY, SUBMIT TO THE PRESIDENTIAL
30 COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR THE COMPLETED
31 CHECKLIST, ATTESTED TO UNDER OATH BY THE PROPONENT
32 INDICATING THAT:

33 i. ADEQUATE CONSULTATION WITH THE AFFECTED
34 FAMILIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN UNDERTAKEN;

35 ii. ADEQUATE RESETLEMENT SITE AND RELOCATION
36 FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE; AND

37 iii. THE PRE-RELOCATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN
38 COMPLIED WITH.

39 3. REVIEW THE BASIS FOR APPLICATION FOR THE CONDUCT OF
40 EVICTION OF UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS
41 OR THE DEMOLITION OF THEIR DWELLINGS IN A DANGER
42 AREA OR HIGH RISK AREA, OR IN AN AREA WHERE A
43 GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT WITH AVAILABLE
44 FUNDING IS ABOUT TO BE IMPLEMENTED;

- 1 4. BASED ON THE COMPLETED CHECKLIST, SUBJECT TO
2 FURTHER VERIFICATION, AND THE REVIEW OF THE BASIS
3 FOR APPLICATION FOR EVICTION OR DEMOLITION IN THE
4 PRECEDING SUB-PARAGRAPH, ISSUE A DEMOLITION AND
5 EVICTION CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE TO THE ENDORSER
6 OF A PROPOSED EVICTION OR DEMOLITION INVOLVING
7 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS;
- 8 5. INITIATE, IN COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT GOVERNMENT
9 AGENCIES, RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IN THE
10 IMPLEMENTATION OF EVICTION OR DEMOLITION BASED ON
11 MAXIMUM TOLERANCE;
- 12 6. INVESTIGATE MOTU PROPRIO OR UPON COMPLAINT BY ANY
13 PARTY, ANY VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF
14 SUBSECTIONS A, B, AND C HERE OF OR THE RULES AND
15 REGULATIONS ISSUED TO IMPLEMENT THEM;
- 16 7. FILE MOTU PROPRIO OR BY WAY OF ASSISTANCE TO ANY
17 AGGRIEVED PARTY, THE APPROPRIATE CRIMINAL, CIVIL OR
18 ADMINISTRATIVE CASE AGAINST ANY PERSON OR PERSONS
19 FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED THE PROVISIONS OF
20 SUBSECTIONS A, B, AND C HEREOF OR THE RULES AND
21 REGULATIONS ISSUED TO IMPLEMENT THEM;
- 22 8. RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT APPROPRIATE MEASURES
23 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS
24 SECTION AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ISSUED TO
25 IMPLEMENT THEM, INCLUDING POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE
26 SANCTIONS AGAINST NATIONAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT
27 OFFICIALS WHO HAVE VIOLATED THE SAID LAW, RULES AND
28 REGULATIONS;
- 29 9. REQUEST ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY FOR ASSISTANCE
30 AND NECESSARY INFORMATION IN THE DISCHARGE OF
31 THEIR RESPECTIVE FUNCTIONS UNDER THIS ACT;
- 32 10. PUBLICIZE MATIERS COVERED BY ITS INVESTIGATION OF
33 VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS A, B, AND
34 C HEREOF OR THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ISSUED TO
35 IMPLEMENT THEM, WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES SO WARRANT
36 AND WITH DUE PRUDENCE: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE
37 PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR SHALL,
38 UNDER THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT SHALL
39 HEREAFTER BE PROMULGATED, DETERMINE WHAT CASES
40 MAY NOT BE MADE PUBLIC: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT ANY
41 PUBLICITY ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR
42 THE URBAN POOR SHALL BE BALANCED, FAIR AND TRUE;
- 43 11. ADMINISTER OATHS, ISSUE SUBPOENA AND SUBPOENA
44 DUCES TECUM, AND TAKE THE TESTIMONIES OF WITNESSES

1 IN THE COURSE OF ITS INVESTIGATION;

2 12. ADOPT ITS OWN OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES AND RULES OF
3 PROCEDURES, AS WELL AS RULES AND REGULATIONS NOT
4 OTHERWISE INCONSISTENT WITH EXISTING LAWS, RULES
5 AND REGULATIONS, TO EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT ITS
6 MANDATE; AND

7 13. PERFORM SUCH OTHER FUNCTIONS AS MAY HEREAFTER BE
8 PROVIDED BY LAW. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE PRESIDENTIAL
9 COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR SHALL DESIGNATE
10 ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE.

11 e. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION. - ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUB-
12 SECTIONS A, B, AND C HEREOF SHALL BE IMPOSED THE
13 PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN SIX (6) YEARS OR IMPRISONMENT
14 OR A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS
15 (P25,000) BUT NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND
16 PESOS (P100,000), OR BOTH, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE
17 COURT: PROVIDED, THAT, IF THE OFFENDER IS A
18 CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, OR THE
19 GOVERNMENT OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS,
20 INSTRUMENTALITIES OR AGENCIES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-
21 OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, OR OTHER
22 JURIDICAL ENTITIES, THE PENALTY SHALL BE IMPOSED ON THE
23 OFFICER OR OFFICERS OF SAID CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP,
24 ASSOCIATION, GOVERNMENT ENTITY, OR JURIDICAL ENTITY
25 WHO CAUSED THE VIOLATION."
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27 **SECTION 2.** Section 46 of Republic Act Numbered 7279 is also amended to
28 read as follows:

29 "**Sec. 46. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the purpose of
30 this Act shall be included in the annual budget of implementing agencies in the
31 General Appropriations Act [of the year following its enactment into law and every year
32 thereafter].
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34 **SECTION 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within one hundred twenty
35 (120) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Housing and Urban Development
36 Coordinating Council, Department of the Interior and Local Government, and
37 Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor shall, in consultation with non-
38 government organizations, people's organizations, and the private sector, jointly
39 promulgate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.
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41 **SECTION 4. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is declared
42 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall
43 remain in full force and effect.
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1 **SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, executive orders, presidential
2 decrees, proclamations, rules, regulations, issuances, and enactments or parts
3 thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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5 **SECTION 6. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
6 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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8 Approved,