



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3437



Introduced by Representative Crispin Diego “Ping” D. Remulla

AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8371, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES RIGHTS ACT OF 1997”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 22 of the 1987 Constitution mandates that “The State recognizes and promotes the rights of indigenous cultural communities within the framework of national unity and development.” Additionally, Article XII, Section 5 states that “The State, subject to the provisions of this Constitution and national development policies and programs, shall protect the rights of indigenous cultural communities to their ancestral lands to ensure their economic, social, and cultural well-being.”

Republic Act No. 8371 affirms the rights of Indigenous Cultural Communities or Indigenous Peoples over their ancestral domains and provides mechanisms to protect their rights and welfare. However, the law does not specify a minimum or fixed share of the revenues generated from the use of their resources within their ancestral domains.

This proposed measure aims to allocate a specific share of the net revenues generated from the exploration, development, and utilization of natural resources, including natural gas projects, within areas covered by native, traditional, or customary land titles. This amendment ensures that indigenous communities receive a fair and predictable share of the economic benefits derived from their ancestral lands.

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

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

1 **SECTION 1.** A new Section 57-A shall be added to Republic Act No. 8371 otherwise
2 known as “*The Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997*”, to read as follows:

3 **“SEC. 57-A. SHARE OF THE INDIGENOUS CULTURAL**
4 **COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (ICCS/IPS). – ICCS/IPS**
5 **SHALL HAVE FIVE PERCENT (5%) SHARE OF THE NET REVENUES**
6 **GENERATED FROM THE EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND**
7 **UTILIZATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING NATURAL**
8 **GAS PROJECTS, FOUND WITHIN THE TERRITORIES COVERED BY**
9 **A NATIVE, TRADITIONAL, OR CUSTOMARY TITLE IN THEIR**
10 **FAVOR.”**

11 **SEC. 2. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act shall be held
12 unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force
13 and effect.

14 **SEC. 3. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations
15 or parts thereof with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

16 **SEC. 4. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
17 the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,