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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pursuant to Republic Act 2640 dated June 18, 1960, as amended by Batas Pambansa 35 dated June 27, 1979, the Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP) was created as a government instrumentality vested with corporate powers with the primary purpose of providing and extending adequate care and assistance to Philippine war veterans and their surviving spouses and orphans.

In order to provide the initial support that will enable the VFP to achieve its purpose, the Republic of the Philippines, as titled owner, issued Presidential Proclamation No. 192, series of 1967, by declaring as alienable and disposable an agricultural land consisting of five hundred thousand (500,000) square meters, more or less, and placed it under the administration of the VFP to enable it to raise funds and revenues to be utilized in a manner that meets and provides for the needs of veterans and their beneficiaries.

This land was subsequently turned into a light industrial center by VFP, which primarily ventured and engaged in leasing and other related business activities. However, its designated role as mere administrator of the land has, through the years of operation, manifested some constraints that adversely affected the exercise of its corporate and business functions of raising funds and revenues to support its activities, more so considering that it does not receive any budgetary support or allocation from the government. Concerns, such as but not limited to engaging in other business ventures, bureaucratic interventions, and the restrictive exercise of corporate powers, have limited and partially disabled its business and functional activities, which could have increased its capability to raise more funds and revenues.

There is therefore a need to change the status of the VFP insofar as the use of the land is concerned from that of an administrator to owner. This course of action will improve and upgrade the management, utilization, and disposition of the aforementioned real estate. It will likewise enable it to adapt and adjust to ever-changing business developments and practices in the leasing and other related commercial activities. This will be a welcome boost to the delivery of assistance and other related services to the veterans and their beneficiaries, as anything less will be a disservice to them, most of whom are in the twilight of their years.

Thus, the bill seeks to grant ownership to the VFP of a parcel of land under its administration by amending for such purpose Presidential Proclamation No. 192, series of 1967. In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT GRANTING OWNERSHIP TO THE VETERANS FEDERATION OF
THE PHILIPPINES OF A PARCEL OF LAND UNDER ITS
ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING FOR SUCH PURPOSE PROCLAMATION
NO. 192, SERIES OF 1967**

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

SECTION 1. *Transfer of Ownership* - The President of the Philippines is hereby authorized to transfer ownership to the Veterans Federation of the Philippines a parcel of land, owned by the Republic of the Philippines and under the administration of the Veterans Federation of the Philippines pursuant to Proclamation No. 192, series of 1967, which is hereby declared alienable and disposable. The area of the land is FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND SQUARE METERS, more or less, and is particularly described as follows:

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A PARCEL OF LAND (Parcel 3, Psu-2031, Portion) situated in Fort Bonifacio (formerly Fort William McKinley) in Pasig, Rizal. Bounded on the NW along lines 1-2-3-4-5-6 by the remaining portion; on the NE along lines 6-7 by the remaining portion; on the SE along lines 7-8-9-10-11-12 by the remaining portion; on the SW along lines 12-1 by the remaining portion. Beginning at a point marked "1" on the plan, being N. 78 deg. 34'E., 5,110.40 meters from B.L.L.M. #1 Taguig, Rizal;

thence N. 62 deg. 17' E., 300.00 m. to point 2;

thence N. 62 deg. 17' E., 300.00 m. to point 3;

thence N. 62 deg. 17' E., 300.00 m. to point 4;

thence N. 62 deg. 17' E., 300.00 m. to point 5;

thence N. 62 deg. 17' E., 362.50 m. to point 6;

thence S. 27 deg. 43' E., 320.00 m. to point 7;
thence S. 62 deg. 17' W., 362.50 m. to point 8;
thence S. 62 deg. 17' W., 300.00 m. to point 9;
thence S. 62 deg. 17' W., 300.00 m. to point 10;
thence S. 62 deg. 17' W., 300.00 m. to point 11;
thence S. 62 deg. 17' W., 300.00 m. to point 12;
thence N. 27 deg. 43' W., 320.00 m. to the point of

the beginning; containing an area of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (500,000) Square Meters more or less. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and marked on the ground with P.S. cylindrical concrete monuments, 15 x 60 cm.; bearings true; date of survey March 8-14, 1967.

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SECTION 2. *Purpose of the Conveyance* - This conveyance is made for the exclusive purpose of enabling the Veterans Federation of the Philippines to exercise its rights as the owner of such parcel of land, including but not limited to the disposal, management, and utilization of the property in furtherance of its purposes as a public corporation created under Republic Act No. 2640, as amended, for the exclusive benefit of all veterans of the Philippines.

SECTION 3. *Transfer or Encumbrance of Title* - The title to the land covered by this Act shall not be transferred or encumbered by the Veterans Federation of the Philippines to another person, natural or juridical, without the previous authorization by the President of the Philippines. Upon dissolution of the Federation, title to the land shall revert to the Republic of the Philippines. These conditions shall be included in the deed of transfer to be executed by the President of the Philippines and annotated at the back of the title.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause* – Proclamation No. 192, series of 1967, and all other laws or executive issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause* - This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,