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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 179

Submitted by the Committee on Agrarian Reform and the Committee on Ways and Means
on November 24, 2022

Re: House Bill No. 6336

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2182, 2393, 2550, 3409, 3434, 3490, 3787, 3797, 4333, 5126, 5206, 5274, 5286, 5314, and 5654

Sponsors: Representatives Solomon R. Chungalao, Joey Sarte Salceda, Angelo Marcos Barba, Ralph G. Recto, Maria Bernadette G. Escudero, Robert Raymund M. Estrella, Arnan C. Panaligan, Jaime R. Fresnedi, Wilbert T. Lee, Alfred C. Delos Santos, Arlene D. Brosas, France L. Castro, Raoul Danniell A. Manuel, Lordan G. Suan, Luis Raymund "Lray" F. Villafuerte, Richard I. Gomez, Gus S. Tambunting, Kristine Singson-Meehan, Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Emilio Bernardino L. Yulo, Joselito "Joel" S. Sacdalan, Arthur F. Celeste, Felimon M. Espares, Francisco Paolo P. Ortega V, Raul Angelo "Jil" D. Bongalon, Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang, Dante S. Garcia, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, Ernesto M. Dionisio, Jr., Teodorico Haresco, Jr., Sonny SL L.Lagon, Nicanor B. Briones, Ray Florence T. Reyes, Janice Z. Salimbangon, Rodolfo M. Ordanes, Mark O. Go, Rosanna "Ria" V. Vergara, Sergio C. Dagooc, John Tracy F. Cagas, Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., Lorenz R. Defensor, Ching B. Bernos, Peter John D. Calderon, Ramon Rodrigo L. Gutierrez, Alfelito "Alfel" M. Bascug, Wilter Y. Palma, Leody F. Tarriela, Midy N. Cua, Horacio P. Suansing, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Samuel S. Verzosa, Jr., Florencio G. Noel, Michael B. Gorriceta, Ambrocio C. Cruz, Jr., Ricardo T. Kho, Roy M.Loyola, Allan U. Ty, Ramon V. Nolasco, Jr., Eric G. Yap, Paolo Z. Duterte, Edvic G. Yap, Jeffrey Soriano, Mario Vittorio "Marvey" A. Mariño, James "Jojo" A. Ang, Jr., and Francisco Jose "Bingo" F. Matugas II, CPA, CESO, LLB

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Agrarian Reform and the Committee on Ways and Means to which were referred House Bill No. 2182, introduced by Representative Ralph G. Recto, entitled:

“AN ACT CONDONING ALL UNPAID AMORTIZATIONS, INTERESTS, PENALTIES OR SURCHARGES ON LOANS SECURED UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

House Bill No. 2393, introduced by Representative Bernadette “Dette” G. Escudero, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONDONATION OF ALL UNPAID PRINCIPAL, INTERESTS, PENALTIES OR SURCHARGES ON LOANS SECURED BY AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

House Bill No. 2550, introduced by Representative Robert Raymund M. Estrella, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM AUTHORITY TO CONDONE DEBT BURDENS OF FARMERS WHO ARE BENEFICIARIES OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6657, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW OF 1988, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9700”;

House Bill No. 3409, introduced by Representative Arnan C. Panaligan, entitled:

“AN ACT EMANCIPATING AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES BY CONDONING ALL UNPAID AMORTIZATIONS AND INTERESTS ON THE LANDS AWARDED TO THEM UNDER THE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM”;

House Bill No. 3434, introduced by Representative Jaime R. Fresnedi

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONDONATION OF ALL UNPAID INTERESTS, PENALTIES, AND SURCHARGES ON LOANS SECURED BY AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

House Bill No. 3490, introduced by Representative Wilbert T. Lee, entitled:

“AN ACT CONDONING ALL UNPAID AMORTIZATIONS, INTERESTS, PENALTIES OR SURCHARGES ON LOANS SECURED UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

House Bill No. 3787, introduced by Representative Solomon R. Chungalao, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONDONATION OF UNPAID AMORTIZATIONS AND INTERESTS OF AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES ON LANDS AWARDED UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

House Bill No. 3797, introduced by Representative Joey Sarte Salceda, entitled:

“AN ACT EMANCIPATING AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES FROM DEBT THROUGH THE FREE AWARD OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

House Bill No. 4333, introduced by Representative Angelo Marcos Barba, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE EMANCIPATION OF AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES FROM THE DEBT BURDEN THROUGH THE FREE AWARD OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

House Bill No. 5126, introduced by Representative Alfred C. Delos Santos, entitled:

“AN ACT CONDONING ALL UNPAID AMORTIZATIONS, INTERESTS, PENALTIES OR SURCHARGES ON LOANS SECURED UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

House Bill No. 5206, introduced by Representatives Arlene D. Brosas, France L. Castro and Raoul Dannel A. Manuel, entitled:

“AN ACT WRITING OFF ALL LAND AMORTIZATIONS INCLUDING INTERESTS AND EMANCIPATING FARMERS AND AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES AND PROVIDING SUPPORT SERVICES THEREOF”;

House Bill No 5274, introduced by Representative Lordan G. Suan, entitled:

“AN ACT EMANCIPATING AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES THROUGH CONDONATION OF ALL AMORTIZATIONS, INTERESTS, AND PENALTIES AND CANCELLATION OF ENCUMBRANCES UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

House Bill No. 5286, introduced by Representative Luis Raymund “LRay” F. Villafuerte, entitled:

”AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONDONATION OF ALL UNPAID PRINCIPAL, INTERESTS, PENALTIES OR SURCHARGES ON LOANS SECURED BY AGRARIAN

REFORM BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

House Bill No. 5314, introduced by Representative Richard I. Gomez, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FULL CONDONATION OF ALL UNPAID AMORTIZATIONS OF BENEFICIARY FARMERS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6657, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW OF 1988, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9700”; and

House Bill No. 5654, introduced by Representative Gus S. Tambunting, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONDONATION OF ALL UNPAID PRINCIPAL, INTERESTS, PENALTIES, OR SURCHARGES ON LOANS SECURED BY AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 6336 entitled:

“AN ACT EMANCIPATING AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES FROM FINANCIAL BURDEN BY CONDONING UNPAID AMORTIZATIONS AND INTERESTS AND EXEMPTING PAYMENT OF ESTATE TAX ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS AWARDED UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM”

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Respectfully submitted:



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AN ACT

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

1 SECTION. 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the “New Agrarian Emancipation
2 Act”.

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4 SEC. 2. *Condonation of the Agrarian Reform Debt.* - The unpaid amortization amounts,
5 interest payments, surcharges, and penalties of existing loans of agrarian reform
6 beneficiaries (ARBs) secured under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program
7 (CARP) or from other agrarian reform programs or laws shall be condoned and written
8 off, relieving all ARBs from the payment thereof, thereby repealing Section 26 of
9 Republic Act No. 6657, as amended, Section 6 of Executive Order No. 228, series of
10 1987, as well as the pertinent provisions of other agrarian reform laws: *Provided That*,
11 the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) shall thereafter issue, whenever necessary,
12 a Certificate of Condonation which shall be annotated on the Emancipation Patent (EP),
13 Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOA), or on any other title based on the
14 applicable agrarian reform law: *Provided further*, That condonation as provided herein
15 shall lift all mortgage liens in favor of the National Government, as represented by the
16 Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), attached to the land acquired: *Provided finally*, That
17 such condonation shall be in accordance with the applicable banking laws and
18 regulations of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

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20 For purposes of this Act, the term agrarian reform beneficiaries or ARBs shall refer to
21 farmers or farmworkers who were granted lands under Presidential Decree No. 27,
22 Republic Act No. 6657 and Republic Act No. 9700, and who have outstanding loan
23 balances payable to the Land Bank of the Philippines.

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25 Sec. 3. *Transferability and Non-Conversion of Awarded Lands.* – The awarded land
26 subject of this Act shall not be sold, transferred, or conveyed except through hereditary
27 succession, or to the government or to the LBP, or to other qualified beneficiaries through
28 the DAR, for a period of ten (10) years from the issuance of the Certificate of
29 Condonation or the CLOA.

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31 The children or the spouse of the transferor shall have a right to redeem the land from
32 the Government or the LBP within the period of two (2) years. Due notice to the
33 availability of the land shall be given by the LBP to the Barangay Agrarian Reform
34 Committee (BARC) where the land is situated. The Provincial Agrarian Reform
35 Coordinating Committee, shall, in turn, be given due notice thereof by the BARC.

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37 The awarded agricultural lands under this Act shall not be subject to conversion for a
38 period of ten (10) years from the issuance of the Certificate of Condonation or CLOA.

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40 SEC. 4. *Termination of Payment of Compensation by ARBs Under Voluntary Land*
41 *Transfer and Direct Payment Schemes.* –The financial obligation of ARBs to pay the
42 value of the awarded land under Section 21 of RA 6657, as amended involving voluntary
43 land transfer and direct payment schemes to the respective landowners, if any, shall be
44 subrogated unto the Government. The payment to the landowners shall be made through
45 the LBP and charged against the Agrarian Reform Fund.

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47 SEC. 5. *Free Land Distribution to ARBs.* - ARBs who are still to receive their awarded
48 lands under the CARP or any other agrarian reform program or laws shall not be obliged
49 to pay any amortization. All private agricultural lands covered under the CARP or any
50 other agrarian reform program or laws that have not been distributed at the time of the
51 effectivity of this Act shall be distributed at no cost to the qualified beneficiaries.

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53 SEC. 6. *Broadened Scope of Support Services to Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries under*

1 *the CARP*. - In addition to the support services available to the ARBs under Section 37 of
2 R.A. No. 6657, as amended, the DAR, together with the Presidential Agrarian Reform
3 Council (PARC), shall ensure that support services and assistance necessary in the
4 attainment of agricultural productivity and resiliency, enterprise development, and
5 financial literacy of the ARBs, as well as the need for sustenance, dwelling, clothing,
6 medical assistance, education, transportation, among others, of such beneficiaries and
7 their families, shall be provided. Any form of support services rendered by any banking
8 or financial institution for the benefit of the beneficiaries and their families shall be
9 deemed a form of support under the Agrarian Reform Program thereby amending
10 Section 37 of Republic Act No. 6657, as amended.

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12 The benefits and services mandated under this Section shall be extended without
13 prejudice to the support services available to ARBs from other National Government
14 Agencies, and shall not be construed as alternative compliance to Republic Act No.
15 10000 otherwise known as the Agri-Agra Reform Credit Act of 2009, as amended.

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17 **SEC. 7. Preference to Credit Facilities and Support Services for Beneficiaries with Paid**
18 **Amortizations.** - ARBs who have completed the payment of the amortization schedule
19 and the payment of interest charges under Section 26 of Republic Act No. 6657, as
20 amended, Section 6 of Executive Order No. 228 of 1987, and other agrarian reform laws
21 shall be given preference in the provision of credit facilities and support services as
22 mandated herein and in Section 37 of RA 6657, as amended.

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24 **SEC. 8. Estate Tax Exemption.** – The agrarian reform lands of ARBs, as estates, shall
25 be exempt from the payment of estate tax: *Provided, That* estate tax returns already filed
26 with the Bureau of Internal Revenue shall not be subject to estate tax and penalties
27 arising therefrom: *Provided further,* That the estate tax exemption granted herein shall
28 only apply to transfers from ARBs to their heirs.

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30 The Department of Interior and Local Government shall also encourage local
31 government units to enact local tax amnesty on real property taxes and other transfer
32 taxes of qualified ARBs under this Section.

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34 **SEC. 9. Issuance of Agrarian Reform Title.** - The appropriate Registry of Deeds shall
35 register the Emancipation Patent, Certificate of Land Ownership Award, or any other title
36 issued pursuant to the applicable agrarian reform law within sixty (60) days from the
37 issuance thereof in the name of the Republic of the Philippines. It shall likewise annotate
38 the Notice of Condonation on all the affected EPs, CLOAs, or any other title issued
39 pursuant to the applicable agrarian reform law within sixty (60) days from issuance by
40 the DAR.

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42 **SEC. 10. Restitution of the Agrarian Reform Award Forfeited Solely due to Non-Payment**
43 **of Annual Amortization and Interest.** - Any pending administrative or judicial case
44 involving the forfeiture by the DAR of the agrarian reform award solely due to the failure
45 of an ARB to pay the thirty (30)-year amortization plus six percent (6%) annual interest
46 shall immediately be dismissed *motu proprio*, by the DAR or the court. The execution of
47 a final and executory administrative or judicial case decision due to the failure of an ARB
48 to pay the 30-year amortization plus 6% annual interest resulting in the disqualification
49 of the ARB, the cancellation of the agrarian reform title, the extinguishment of the rights
50 of possession and ownership of the awarded land, as well as the removal of the person
51 from the awarded land or the dismantling of any improvements found therein, shall be
52 immediately terminated, the agrarian reform award immediately restored, and the
53 forfeiture of decision accordingly reversed. Any agrarian reform title cancelled as a result
54 of the final and executory administrative or judicial case decision shall immediately be

1 reconstituted. In the event that the agricultural land has already been awarded to another
2 beneficiary, the DAR shall, as far as equitable, award another land to the disqualified
3 ARB.
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5 **SEC. 11. *Disqualification of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries due to Acts and Omissions***
6 ***Constituting Violations of Agrarian Reform Laws.*** - Any person convicted by final
7 judgment of any of the prohibited acts and omissions under Sec. 73 and meted any
8 of the penalties under Sec. 74 of RA. No. 6657, as amended, is disqualified to avail of
9 the benefits under this Act. Disqualification shall likewise result as an outcome of a
10 determination by final judgment that the ARB, in violation of Sec. 22 of R.A. No. 6657,
11 as amended, willfully refused to make the awarded land as productive as possible or
12 deliberately neglected or abandoned the awarded land continuously for a period of two
13 (2) calendar years: *Provided*, That non-cultivation of the land due to non-installation of
14 the ARBs, threats by other stakeholders or entities, lack of facilities and support services,
15 or situations or conditions beyond the control of the ARBs not due to their fault or
16 actuations shall not be considered as either neglect, abandonment, or grounds for
17 disqualification.
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19 Pursuant thereto, the DAR shall thoroughly investigate and revalidate allegations that will
20 constitute disqualification under this Section, in a manner that will be construed liberally in
21 the favor of the ARBs.
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23 **SEC. 12. *Right of the Landowner to Just Compensation.*** – Nothing in this Act shall
24 diminish the right of landowners to just compensation for their agricultural lands acquired
25 under the agrarian reform program.
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27 **SEC. 13. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the
28 effectivity of this Act, the Department of Agrarian Reform in coordination with the
29 Executive Committee of the PARC, with the technical assistance of the LBP, shall
30 issue rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.
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32 **SEC. 14. *Agency Support.*** - All other government offices and agencies are directed to
33 render such prompt and necessary assistance, subject to applicable laws, rules, and
34 regulations, to fully implement the provisions of this Act.
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36 **SEC. 15. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the
37 remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and
38 effect.
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40 **SEC. 16. *Repealing Clause.*** – Section 26 of RA 6657, as amended is hereby repealed.
41 Sections 21, 27 and 37 of the same Act are hereby modified. All laws, executive orders,
42 issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
43 amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.
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45 **SEC. 17. *Effectivity.*** -This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
46 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

47 Approved,

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FACT SHEET

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OBJECTIVE:

- To emancipate agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) from the financial burden of paying loans extended in relation to awarded agricultural land under the agrarian reform program
- To provide broadened support services to ARBs and thus make them more productive and economically emancipated.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Condones and writes off the existing loan of agrarian reform beneficiaries from unpaid amortizations, interest, penalties, and surcharges arising from the CARP and other agrarian reform programs and laws
- Requires the DAR to issue a Notice of Condonation to be annotated to the Emancipation Patents and Certificates of Land Ownership Award
- Prohibits the sale, transfer or conveyance of awarded lands to another except through hereditary succession, or be the subject of conversion, for a period of ten (10) years from the issuance of the certificate of condonation or certificate of land ownership award
- Frees land from mortgage liens and encumbrances in favor of the National Government
- Provides that the government shall subrogate the ARBs to pay the remaining balance of the compensation due the concerned landowners for lands acquired under the voluntary land transfer and direct payment scheme
- ARBs yet to be awarded with agricultural land from the CARP or any other agrarian reform law will receive so without any obligation for amortization
- Provides a broadened scope of support services to ARBs, giving priority to those who have already completed payment of the amortization schedule
- Exempts estate tax payments on awarded lands to ARBs
- Mandates the dismissal, *motu proprio*, by the DAR or the court, of any pending administrative or judicial case involving the forfeiture by the DAR of the agrarian reform award solely due to the failure of an ARB to pay the thirty (30)-year amortization plus six percent (6%) annual interest
- Mandates the termination of the execution of a final and executory administrative or judicial case decision due to the failure of an ARB to pay the 30-year amortization plus 6% annual interest resulting in the disqualification of the ARB, the cancellation of the agrarian reform title, the extinguishment of the rights of possession and ownership of the awarded land, as well as the removal of the person from the awarded land or the dismantling of any improvements found therein
- Disqualifies ARBs for acts and omissions constituting violations of agrarian reform laws including willful refusal by the ARB to make the land productive or deliberate neglect, for a period of two (2) calendar years
- Upholds the right of the landowner of awarded lands to just compensation

RELATED LAWS:

- **RA 6657**
- **RA 9700**