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# COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 28

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement on MAR 2 3 2011 .

RE: Senate Bill No. 2757

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2626

Sponsors: Senator Trillanes IV

#### MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization *and* Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement, to which was referred S.B. No. 2626 introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV, *entitled*:

#### AN ACT

PROMOTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN REAL ESTATE SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9646, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REAL ESTATE SERVICE ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Senate Bill No. 2757 prepared by the Committees, entitled:

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ACT PROMOTING EMPLOYMENT OPPURTUNITIES IN REAL ESTATE SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9646, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REAL ESTATE SERVICE ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES be approved in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2626 with Senators Trillanes IV and Marcos as authors thereof.

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s. No. 2757



(In substitution of Senate Bill No. 2626)

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9646 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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"Section 2. Declaration of Policy. - The State recognizes the vital role of real estate service practitioners in the social political, economic development and progress of the country by promoting the real estate market, stimulating economic activity, PROMOTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SECTOR and enhancing government income from real property-based transactions. Hence, it shall develop and nurture through proper and effective regulation and supervision a corps of technically-competent, responsible and respected professional real estate service practitioners whose standards of practice and service shall be globally competitive and will promote the growth of the real estate industry."

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**SEC 2.** Section 28 of the same law is hereby amended:

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- "Section 28. Exemptions from the Acts Constituting the Practice of Real Estate Service. The provisions of this Act and its rules and regulations shall not apply to the following:
  - (a) Any person, natural or judicial, who shall directly perform by himself/herself the acts mentioned in Section 3 hereof with

reference to his/her or its own property[, except real estate developers];

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SEC 3. Section 31 of the same law is hereby amended to read as follows:

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"Section 31. Supervision of Real Estate Salespersons. - For real estate salespersons, no examinations shall be given, but they shall be accredited by the Board: *Provided*. That they have [completed at least two (2) years of college] UNDERTAKEN RELEVANT EDUCATION IN REAL ESTATE, **URBAN** PLANNING, MARKETING, MANAGEMENT, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER SIMILAR COURSES and have undergone training and seminars in real estate brokerage, as may be required by the Board. A PERSON WHO HAS ACCUMULATED A COMBINED THREE (3) YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN REAL ESTATE AS ATTESTED BY REAL **ESTATE** DEVELOPER OR BROKER MAY ACCREDITED AS A REAL ESTATE SALESMAN. Real estate salespersons shall be under the direct supervision and accountability of a real estate broker. As such, they cannot by themselves be signatories to a written agreement involving a real estate transaction unless the real estate broker who has direct supervision and accountability over them is also a signatory thereto. No real estate salesperson, either directly or indirectly, can negotiate, mediate or transact any real estate transaction for and in behalf of a real estate broker without first securing an authorized accreditation as real estate salesperson for the real estate broker, as prescribed by the Board. A real estate broker shall be guilty of violating this Act for employing or utilizing the services of a real estate salesperson when he/she has not secured the required accreditation from the Board prior to such employment.

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**SEC. 4.** Section 32 of the same law is hereby amended:

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## "Section 32. Corporate Practice of the Real Estate Service.-

(a) No partnership or corporation shall engage in the business of real estate service unless it is duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the persons authorized

to Act for the partnership or corporation are all duly registered and licensed real estate brokers, appraisers or consultants, as the case may be. The partnership or corporation shall regularly submit a list of its real estate service practitioners to the Commission and to the SEC as part of its annual reportorial requirements. [There shall at least be one (1) licensed real estate broker for every twenty (20) accredited salespersons.]

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SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, executive orders, department or memorandum orders and other administrative issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby modified superseded or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a major daily newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,