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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 15 and 16 of Article XIII of the Constitution provides for an effective participation and representation of the people and their organizations in all aspects of policy making and program implementation by the government. This policy is reiterated in Republic Act. 7607, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Small Farmers, which mandates the representation of small farmers in the boards of all government agencies dealing with agriculture and related concerns of small farmers, including policy making councils of the government.

This bill proposes to amend Presidential Decree No. 107, which creates the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) by requiring representatives from marginalized sectors in the NEDA Board. This amendment will ensure that the interests of these sectors will be considered by the economic and planning agency of government.

Early approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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**AN ACT  
PROVIDING FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF MARGINALIZED SECTORS IN THE  
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY (NEDA), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIN 1 OF  
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 107, AS AMENDED**

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 107, as amended, is  
2 hereby further amended to read as follows:

3 "SECTION 1. There is hereby created a National Economic  
4 Development Authority, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF WHICH SHALL  
5 [to] be composed of the President as Chairman, The Executive  
6 Secretary, THE Director General of the [Authority] NEDA SECRETARIAT,  
7 THE Secretary of Finance, THE Secretary of Agriculture, THE  
8 SECRETARY OF Environment and Natural Resources, THE Secretary of  
9 trade and Industry, THE SECRETARY OF Tourism, THE Secretary of  
10 Public Works AND HIGHWAYS, THE SECRETARY of Transportation  
11 and Communications, THE Secretary of Labor and Employment, the  
12 Secretary of Education, [and] Culture AND SPORTS, THE Governor of  
13 the [Central Bank] BANKO SENTRAL, THE [Commissioner]  
14 SECRETARY of [the] Budget AND MANAGEMENT, [and] THE Chairman  
15 of the Board of Investments, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE  
16 MARGINALIZED SECTORS as members, [and] who shall hold office [of]

1 AT the pleasure of the President: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE PRESIDENT  
2 OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES SHALL IMMEDIATELY  
3 APPOINT THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MARGINALIZED  
4 SECTORS REPRESENTING PEASANTS, WORKERS AND OTHER  
5 BASIC SECTORS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE NEDA BOARD:  
6 *PROVIDED, FURTHER*, THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE  
7 MARGINALIZED SECTORS SHALL CONSTITUTE ONE-FOURTH OF  
8 THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEDA GOVERNING BOARD,  
9 INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BASIC SECTORS.

10 "The Authority may in the discharge of its duties and functions, call  
11 upon any private person or representative of the private sector for such  
12 views or advice as may be pertinent to any matter under its  
13 consideration."

14 SEC. 2. The NEDA Board shall adopt its own rules and regulations  
15 pursuant to this Ac. The rules shall include the duties and responsibilities of the  
16 sectors' representatives, specify the manner by which the sectoral  
17 representatives shall be chosen henceforth, as well as identify mechanisms to  
18 guarantee effective sectoral consultation and representation in the Board.

19 SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and  
20 other issuances or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed,  
21 amended or modified accordingly.

22 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
23 two (2) national newspapers of general circulation

24 Approved,