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Introduced by Senator Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino

AN ACT
GRANTING THE BASES CONVERSION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, THE
POWER TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE IN THE
CREATION OF NEW MILITARY BASES AND FACILITIES, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7227, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO.
9400, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BASES CONVERSION AND
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1992

EXPLANATORY NOTE

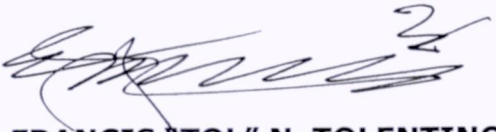
Article II Section 3 of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides:

"The Armed Forces of the Philippines is the protector of the people and the State. Its goal is to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory."

As the protector of the people and the State, the Armed Forces of the Philippines must always be given the necessary equipment, facilities, and manpower in order to fulfill its sworn duty. Among these necessities, in light of evolving geopolitical conditions, is the placement of new military installations in key locations around the country for the strategic protection and advancement of national security, particularly in areas covering the West Philippine Sea, the Sulu Sea, and the Philippine Rise. This strategic positioning of new military bases is vital, now more than ever, as the country continues to face threats both from within and without our territory.

This bill, therefore, seeks to grant the Bases Conversion Development Authority, the power to assist and facilitate in the creation of military bases in order to improve and advance our state of national readiness.

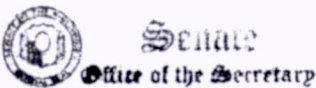
In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francis Tol N. Tolentino', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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

1 Section. 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7227, as amended by Republic Act No.
2 9400, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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4 "Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policies.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the
5 Government to accelerate the sound and balanced conversion into alternative
6 productive uses of the Clark and Subic military reservations and their extension (John
7 Hay Station, Wallace Air Station, O'Donnell Transmitter Station, San Miguel Naval
8 Communications Station and Capas Relay Station), to raise funds by the sale of
9 portions of Metro Manila military camps, and to apply said funds as provided herein
10 for the development and conversion to productive civilian use of the lands covered
11 under the 1947 Military Bases Agreement between the Philippines and the United
12 States of America, as amended.

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It is likewise the declared policy of the Government **STATE** to enhance the benefits to be derived from said properties in order to promote the economic and social development **OF THE PEOPLE, AS WELL AS THE OVERALL NATIONAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTRY** ~~of Central Luzon in particular and the country in general.~~

Sec. 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7227, as amended by Republic Act No. 9400, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. *Purposes of the Conversion Authority* – The conversion authority shall have the following purposes:

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(H) TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (DND) IN THE CREATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAND AND COASTAL AREAS FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, IN AREAS NEAR THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA, THE SULU SEA, AND THE PHILIPPINE RISE.

Sec. 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within ninety (60) days from the date of effectivity of this Act, the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA), in consultation with the DND, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), shall promulgate and publish the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec. 3. Separability Clause. – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 4. Repealing Clause. – All other laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

1 Sec. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its
2 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least one (1) newspaper of general
3 circulation.

Approved,