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EXPLANATORY NOTE

With the resumption of the face-to-face classes that was stalled by the COVID-19 pandemic, our public school teachers who struggle to find affordable housing in the communities where they work are once again forced to make long daily commutes thereby exposing them to health and security threats.

It is only right for the government to recognize the dedication and perseverance of our modern-day heroes by putting their well-being at the forefront to ensure that they are able to provide quality education to all learners. This bill, therefore, seeks to improve the working and employment conditions of our public-school teachers by providing them with free on-site living facilities, particularly in the remote and isolated areas.

Given the foregoing, prompt approval of this bill is earnestly sought and recommended.



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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 “*Teachers’ Home in*
2 *School Act.*”

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the declared policy of the State to promote
4 and improve the social and economic status of public school teachers to enable them
5 to carry out their mandate in providing quality education to all learners. The State
6 shall recognize and address the pressing challenges of our public school teachers who
7 are teaching away from their families and homes. Ultimately, the State shall develop
8 strategies that will improve the working and living conditions of all public school
9 teachers.

10 Sec. 3. *Coverage.* – This Act shall apply to public school teachers who are
11 experiencing difficulty in travelling to their place of work or deployed in public schools
12 which are located in remote and isolated areas.

1 Sec. 4. *Establishment of Living Facilities.* – The Department of Education
2 (DepEd) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall construct
3 and provide livable and humane living facilities within public schools or at the nearest
4 possible area to public schools for teachers covered under Section 3 of this Act.

5 Sec. 5. *Appropriations.* – The funding necessary for the successful
6 implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the existing funds of DepEd and shall
7 later on be specifically allocated in the annual budget of DepEd. In addition,
8 reasonable and sufficient additional funding shall be sourced from the Special
9 Education Fund arising from real property tax collected by Local Government Units
10 where the living facilities are constructed and/or located.

11 Sec. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days after
12 the approval of this Act, the DepEd in consultation with the DPWH, Department of the
13 Interior and Local Government and the Department of Budget and Management shall
14 formulate the implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of
15 this Act.

16 Sec. 7. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared
17 unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof not affected thereby shall
18 continue to be in full force and effect.

19 Sec. 8. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, decrees, instructions,
20 rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any provision of this Act are
21 hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

22 Sec. 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following
23 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

24 *Approved,*