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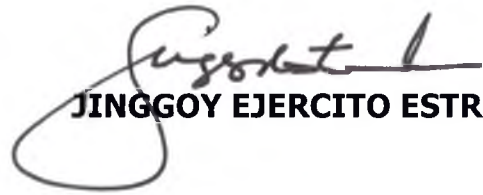
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GRANTING THE BASES CONVERSION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, THE POWER TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE IN THE CREATION OF NEW MILITARY BASES AND FACILITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7227, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9400, OTHERWISE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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to grant the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA), the authority to assist and facilitate the creation of military bases in order to improve and advance our state of national defense preparedness. The BCDA, a state-controlled enterprise, is mandated to help strengthen the armed forces by spearheading the conversion of former military bases into centers of growth and placement of new military facilities in strategic and key locations.

The State, in ensuring our Armed Forces to be more responsive to current and future non-conventional security threats to the country's territorial integrity and national sovereignty, should acquire facilities and game-changing equipment, that will modernize and help strengthen our troops to bring us a step closer towards a world-class Armed Forces of the Philippines.

In this light, the immediate passage of this bill is highly recommended.



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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:

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

13 "It is likewise the declared policy of the [Government] **STATE** to
14 enhance the benefits to be derived from said properties in order to

1 promote the economic and social development **OF THE PEOPLE, AS**
2 **WELL AS THE OVERALL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE**
3 **COUNTRY** [~~of Central Luzon in particular and the country in general.~~]"

4 Sec. 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7227, as amended by Republic Act No.
5 9400, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

6 "Sec. 4. Purposes of the Conversion Authority- The conversion
7 authority shall have the following purposes:

8 "x x x

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

14 *Sec. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - Within ninety (90) days from
15 the date of effectivity of this Act, the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA),
16 in consultation with the DND, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and the
17 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), shall promulgate and
18 publish the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this
19 Act.

20 *Sec. 4. Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or
21 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise
22 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

23 *Sec. 5. Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
24 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or
25 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended
26 accordingly.

27 *Sec. 6. Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
28 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) national newspapers of
29 general circulation.

Approved,