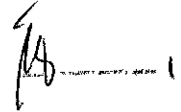


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) was launched as the centerpiece program of the Aquino Administration, which was espoused by Republic Act No. 6657 otherwise known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988.

Republic Act No. 6657 has originally provided for a ten-year period for the land acquisition and distribution component of the CARP. After the said period has elapsed in 1998, a ten-year extension was granted by Republic Act No. 8532 up to 2008.


It now appears, however, that the total of 20-year period was not adequate to finish the land acquisition and distribution component of the CARP. It is being pointed out that its implementation was not properly carried out and monitored and so the said program's component was not completed.

But despite this assertion, the land acquisition and distribution component of the CARP should not just be abandoned by the present administration since it will have a great impact on social justice, poverty alleviation and rural development.

As such, this bill seeks to extend the acquisition and distribution of all agricultural lands in order to complete this priority program component of the CARP. It also seeks to sustain the support services to the agrarian reform beneficiaries by providing a bigger funding.

Moreover, it aims to provide for a mechanism to oversee and monitor the implementation of this bill when enacted into law through the creation of Congressional Oversight Committee on Agrarian Reform (COCAR). Through this, it can be assured that there would be a transparent and responsive carrying out of the provisions of this legislative measure as it is focused towards the review of its program implementation.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly and immediately sought.



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**AN ACT  
EXTENDING THE ACQUISITION AND DISTRIBUTION OF  
ALL AGRICULTURAL LANDS AND SUSTAINING THE SUPPORT SERVICES  
TO THE AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES UNDER  
THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW OF 1988, AS AMENDED,  
AND PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY FUNDS  
AND THE MONITORING OF ITS PROPER IMPLEMENTATION**

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

1 Section 1. *Extension of the Acquisition and Distribution of All Agricultural*  
2 *Lands.* – The schedule of acquisition and distribution of all agricultural lands as  
3 provided under Section 7 of Republic Act No. 6657, otherwise known as the  
4 Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, as amended, shall be extended for a  
5 period of five years upon the effectivity of this Act in order to strengthen the  
6 Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

7 Sec. 2. *Funding Source.* – The amount of One Hundred Billion Pesos  
8 (P100,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the said land acquisition and  
9 distribution and for sustaining the support services to the agrarian reform  
10 beneficiaries as well as the other funding requirements of the CARP.

11 Other sources of funding shall include the following:

- 12 a) Proceeds of the sales of the Privatization Management Office (PMO),  
13 formerly the Assets Privatization Trust (APT);
- 14 b) All receipts from assets recovered and from sales of ill-gotten wealth  
15 recovered through the Presidential Commission on Good Government  
16 (PCGG) without prejudice to the amount appropriated for compensation to  
17 victims of human rights under the applicable law;
- 18 c) Proceeds from the disposition and development of the properties of the  
19 government in foreign countries, for the specific purpose of financing

1 production credits, infrastructure and other support services as provided  
2 under Section 37 of Republic Act No. 6657;

3 d) All income and collections of whatever kind and nature arising from the  
4 agrarian reform operations, projects and programs of the Department of  
5 Agrarian Reform (DAR) and other CARP implementing agencies:  
6 *Provided*, That amortization payments shall be allocated as part of the  
7 funding for support services to the agrarian reform beneficiaries under  
8 Section 37 of Republic Act No. 6657;

9 e) Portion of amounts accruing to the Philippines from all sources of official  
10 foreign aid grants, debt swaps and concessional financing from all  
11 countries, and other forms of financing arrangements, negotiated by the  
12 Philippine government with other countries and financial institutions to be  
13 used for the specific purpose of financing production credits, infrastructure  
14 and other support services as provided under Section 37 of Republic Act  
15 No. 6657;

16 f) Yearly appropriations of not less than Five Billion Pesos  
17 (P5,000,000,000.00) from the General Appropriations Act; and

18 g) Other government funds not otherwise appropriated.

19 *Sec. 3. Funding for Support Services.* – In order to cover the expenses and  
20 cost of support services, at least forty percent (40%) of all appropriations for  
21 agrarian reform shall be immediately set aside and made available to cover the  
22 expenditure and cost of support services to all stakeholders of the CARP: *Provided*,  
23 That for the five (5) years extension period, a minimum of three (3) agrarian reform  
24 communities shall be established by the DAR per year in coordination with the local  
25 government units, non-government organizations and people's organizations in  
26 each legislative district with a predominant agricultural population: *Provided, further*,  
27 That the areas in which the agrarian reform communities are to be established shall  
28 have been fully subjected under Republic Act No. 6657.

29 *Sec. 4. Congressional Oversight Committee on Agrarian Reform.* – The  
30 Congressional Oversight Committee on Agrarian Reform (COCAR) is hereby  
31 created to oversee and monitor the implementation of this Act and to review its  
32 program implementation. It shall be chaired by the Chairperson of the Senate  
33 Committee on Agrarian Reform and co-chaired by the Chairperson of the  
34 Committee on Agrarian Reform of the House of Representatives, with four (4)  
35 members from the Senate and four (4) members from the House of Representatives  
36 to be respectively designated by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
37 House of Representatives, who shall endeavor to have the various land and  
38 agrarian reform sectors and regions of the country represented.

1 In order to carry out the objectives of this Act, the COCAR shall be provided  
2 with the necessary appropriations for its operation. The members of the COCAR  
3 shall receive no compensation: however, traveling and other necessary expenses  
4 shall be allowed.

5 *Sec. 5. Powers and Functions of the COCAR.* – The COCAR shall have the  
6 following powers and functions:

- 7 a) Prescribe and adopt guidelines which shall govern its work;
- 8 b) Hold hearings and consultations, receive testimonies and reports pertinent  
9 to its specified concerns;
- 10 c) Secure from any department, bureau, office or instrumentality of the  
11 Government such assistance as may be needed, including technical  
12 information, preparation, and production of reports and submission of  
13 recommendations or plans as it may require, particularly a yearly report of  
14 the record or performance of each agrarian reform beneficiaries as  
15 provided under Section 22 of Republic Act No. 6657;
- 16 d) Secure from the DAR or the LBP actual information on the amount of just  
17 compensation determined to be paid or which has been paid to any  
18 landowner;
- 19 e) Oversee and monitor, in such a manner as it may deem necessary, the  
20 actual implementation of the program and projects by the DAR;
- 21 f) Summon by subpoena any public or private citizen to testify before it, or  
22 require by subpoena *duces tecum* to produce before it such records,  
23 reports or other documents as may be necessary in the performance of its  
24 functions;
- 25 g) Submit periodic reports on its findings and make recommendations on  
26 actions to be taken by Congress and the Presidential Agrarian Reform  
27 Council (PARC);
- 28 h) Engage the services of resource persons from the public and private  
29 sectors as well as from the civil society as may be needed;
- 30 i) Approve the budget for the work of the COCAR and all disbursements  
31 therefrom, including compensation of all personnel;
- 32 j) Organize its staff and hire and appoint such employees and personnel  
33 whether temporary, contractual or on consultancy, subject to applicable  
34 rules; and
- 35 k) Exercise all the powers necessary to attain the purposes of this Act for  
36 which it is created.

37 *Sec. 6. Annual Report.* – The DAR shall submit to the Senate and the House  
38 of Representatives a detailed progress annual report on the implementation of the

1 CARP within thirty (30) days following the end of each fiscal year during the five-  
2 year extension period referred to under Section 1 of this Act.

3       *Sec. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of the DAR, in  
4 coordination with the other concerned government agencies and bureaus, shall  
5 promulgate the implementing rules and regulations of this Act within sixty (60) days  
6 upon the effectivity of this Act.

7       *Sec. 8. Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations  
8 or part thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby  
9 repealed or modified accordingly.

10       *Sec. 9. Separability Clause.* – If for any reason, any section or provision of  
11 this Act is declared unconstitutional or null and void, other sections not affected shall  
12 remain in full force and in effect.

13       *Sec. 10. Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
14 its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

15       Approved,