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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Local Government Units, in coordination with other government housing agencies, the private sector and NGOs, have been given the task to exert efforts in continuing the advocacy for socialized housing, which is considered as one of the priority areas of investment. Thus, there is a need to establish and create local housing boards as special bodies in the LGUs to ensure the implementation of what is mandated of them under the Urban Development and Housing Act or R.A. 7279.

The benefits that can be reaped from any given law depend purely on its effective implementation. This is undoubtedly true in the case of R.A. 7279. The mandate of the Local Government Units under the aforesaid law is to ensure the proper implementation of the program under UDHA. Accordingly, there is still much to be desired to generate significant impact on a national scale. On the other hand, there is a wide perception that R.A. 7279 has gained a tremendous impact upon LGUs to push and advocate for the production of low-cost housing projects. As a result of which, Local Government Units have started to embark on housing projects intended to address the problems of housing and uplift the lives of the urban poor sector in local communities.

For the foregoing reasons, the early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CREATING THE LOCAL HOUSING BOARD AND AMENDING SECTIONS 447
AND 458 OF R.A. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. *Creation of Local Housing Board.* There shall be established a local housing board in every city/municipality. The City/Municipal Boards (C/MHBs) shall be under the office of the Mayor and composed of the following:

1. City/Municipal Mayor as Chairman;
2. Chairman of the Sangguniang Panglungsod/Bayan Committee on Housing and Urban Development or its equivalent as Vice-Chairman;
3. City/Municipal Planning and Development Officer/coordinators as Member;
4. City/Municipal Engineer;
5. Representative from CREBA;
6. Representative from a duly registered and accredited NGO/PO as member
7. Representative from HUDCC.

SEC. 2. *Functions of the City/Municipal Housing Boards.* The City/Municipal housing boards shall exercise the following functions:

1. Formulate a housing program for the city/municipality in accordance with the national/regional policies and guidelines, including the Local Government Pabahay Program (LGPP), Urban Development Housing Act and the National Urban Development and Housing framework;
2. Evaluate applications for development permits for subdivisions and within ten (10) days from receipt of application, recommend to the Sanggunian appropriate action thereon. The C/MHBs shall give priority to projects for socialized housing as certified by the Specialized Housing One-Stop Processing Center (SHOPC);
3. Implement the housing program of the city/municipality;

4. Identify/assess the housing needs of their respective localities;
5. Identify/mobilize resources for local housing program implementation;
6. Serve as conduit of the national shelter agencies in the implementation of the LGPP and other housing programs;
7. Identify family beneficiaries of the LGPP, UDHA and other housing programs;
8. Perform such other related functions as may be provided by law and UDHA and;
9. Float municipality/city bonds as a financing strategy to generate funds for socialized housing projects.

SEC. 3. Meeting and Quorum. The board shall meet at least once a month or as often as may be necessary. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum but the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman shall be present during meetings.

SEC. 4. Compensation and Remuneration. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the city/municipal housing board shall perform their duties as such without compensation and remuneration. Members thereof who are not government officials or employees shall be entitled to the necessary traveling expenses and allowances chargeable against the funds of the LGU subject to the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SEC. 5. The C/MHB and the Provincial Development Council. The C/MHB shall submit to the Provincial Development Council (PDC) its housing and urban development program for the city/municipality and an accomplishment report of its programs and plans on a quarterly basis.

The Provincial Development Council, on the other hand, shall incorporate the plans submitted by the C/MHB into the overall department plan of the province. The Provincial Development Council shall be given the authority to reject the proposed housing and urban development housing program of the city/municipality if it does not conform with the land use and over-all development program of the province.

SEC. 6. Relationship of the National Housing Agencies with the C/MHB. The city/municipal housing board shall prepare and submit through the Sangguniang Panglungsod/Bayan and the city/municipal mayor a semi-annual report on the status of their local housing projects to the Provincial Development Council.

The Provincial Development Council, on the other hand, shall prepare and submit on a semi-annual basis, its overall development plan to the HUDCC and NEDA.

SEC. 7. *Implementing Guidelines.* The HUDCC and the its line agencies shall formulate the necessary guidelines to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of local housing programs of the C/MHB.

SEC. 8. *Appropriations.* The Sangguniang Panglungsod/Bayan, as the legislative body of the city/municipality, shall appropriate at least 1.0% of its IRA for the year for the operations and activities of the C/MHB.

SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* Paragraph (x) of Section 447 (a)(2) and paragraph (x) of Section 458 of R.A. 7160 are hereby repealed.

SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.* If for any reasons, any sections or provisions of this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,