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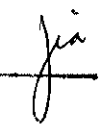


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The cultivation of high value crops is key to the modernization of the country's agricultural sector. However, our extremely fragmented farm sector leaves farmers with no access to technology and capital and financial resources that would enable them to engage more profitably in the production of high value crops.

This bill promotes the attainment of economies of scale by encouraging the adoption of cooperative system in the consolidation of small landholdings. Further, the participation of the corporate sector in the production of high value crops is encouraged.

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


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator

1 production, within six (6) months after effectivity of this Act: *Provided*, That
2 such site identification shall be reviewed at appropriate intervals to ensure
3 consistency with agrarian reform program and the national land use
4 policy.”

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6 **SEC. 3.** Sections 7 of R.A. 7900 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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8 **“Sec. 7. Farm Model.** - For the program. [farmers may adopt]
9 **PORTIONS OF LARGE LANDHOLDINGS MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE**
10 **TO FARMERS FOR THE ADOPTION OF** the cooperative system in
11 putting up economically-sized farms for high-value crop farming. Farming
12 members shall collectively manage individual farms which include
13 contracting process and means of production, planning and coordinating
14 crop varieties, raising breed and hectarage, distribution and some
15 production measures with reference to the market it shall serve. Said farm
16 models may be replicated by farmers’ organizations all over the country. “

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18 **SEC. 4. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and
19 regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
20 repealed or modified accordingly: *Provided, however*, That nothing in this Act shall be
21 construed or applied to amend Republic Act No. 6657 and other laws pertinent to
22 agrarian reform.

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24 **SEC. 5. Separability Clause.** - If any of the provisions of this Act are
25 subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby
26 shall remain in full force and effect.

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28 **SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
29 after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,