


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S. No. **2278**

(In substitution of Senate Bill No. 2188)

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AN ACT

MANDATING THE COMPLETION OF THE LAND ACQUISITION AND DISTRIBUTION (LAD) COMPONENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM (CARP) BY JUNE 30, 2016 PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6657, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW", AS AMENDED

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

1 SECTION 1. The land acquisition and distribution component of the comprehensive
2 agrarian reform program shall be completed by June 30, 2016;

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4 SEC. 2. Section 30 of Republic Act No. 9700 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 "Section 30. **ISSUANCE OF NOTICES OF COVERAGE, ACCEPTANCE**
6 **OF VOLUNTARY OFFER TO SELL AND** Resolution of Cases **AND/OR**
7 **PROCEEDINGS- THE DAR SHALL CONTINUE TO ISSUE NOTICES OF**
8 **COVERAGE AND ACCEPT VOLUNTARY OFFERS TO SELL BY**
9 **LANDOWNERS OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS COVERED BY REPUBLIC ACT**
10 **NO. 6657, AS AMENDED UNTIL JUNE 30, 2016. SUCH ISSUANCE OF NOTICE**
11 **OF COVERAGE OR ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTARY OFFER TO SELL**
12 **STARTS THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE**
13 **PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6657, AS AMENDED.**

14 Any case and/or proceeding, **AS INITIATED BY THE ISSUANCE OF A**
15 **NOTICE OF COVERAGE OR ACCEPTANCE OF A VOLUNTARY OFFER TO**
16 **SELL**, involving the implementation of the provisions of Republic Act No. 6657, as
17 amended, which may remain pending on June 30, ~~2014~~ **2016** shall be allowed to proceed
18 to its finality and be executed even beyond such date."
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20 SEC. 3. The funding source provided under Section 21 of Republic Act No. 9700 shall
21 further be utilized from the effectivity of this Act until the complete acquisition and distribution
22 of all agricultural lands covered by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

1 Provided, That after the completion of the land acquisition and distribution component of the
2 CARP, the yearly appropriation shall be allocated fully to support services, agrarian justice
3 delivery and operational requirements of the DAR and the other CARP implementing agencies.
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5 SEC. 4. Repealing Clause. – All other laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules
6 and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended
7 accordingly.
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9 SEC. 5. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is
10 declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not affected thereby shall
11 remain in full force and effect.
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13 SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014 after its
14 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,