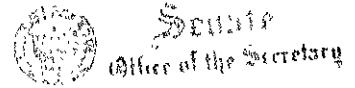


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 13, Section 9 provides:

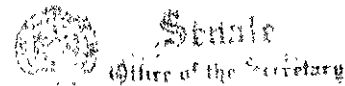
The State shall, by law, and for the common good, undertake, in cooperation with the private sector, a continuing program of urban land reform and housing which will make available at affordable cost, decent housing and basic services to under-privileged and homeless citizens in urban centers and resettlement areas. It shall also promote adequate employment opportunities to such citizens. In the implementation of such program the State shall respect the rights of small property owners.

This bill aims to strengthen the support base of nonprofit organizations which are building homes for the less fortunate. It will also give minors, not only the technical construction skills that building homes may bring, but also the uplifting moral value of working for social causes.¹


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

1 SECTION 1. *Minors Aged Fourteen to Seventeen Permitted to Work as Volunteers*
2 *for Nonprofit Organizations Constructing Affordable Housing; Prohibited Acts.* –
3 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or regulation, minors who are between
4 the ages of fourteen and seventeen shall be permitted to work as volunteers for nonprofit
5 organizations engaged in the construction of affordable housing as determined by the
6 Secretary of Labor and Employment subject to the following provisions:

7 A. That under no circumstances shall a minor be permitted to work in a project
8 involving the construction of affordable housing that is in any way associated with a
9 profit making commercial enterprise;

10 B. That no minor shall operate, perform maintenance, clean, inspect, work in,
11 about, or in connection with any power driven machinery involved in the construction of
12 affordable housing;

13 C. That no minor shall engage in the construction of affordable housing without
14 the safety equipment required by law;

15 D. That no minor shall be permitted to work as a volunteer in the construction of
16 affordable housing except under the direct supervision of an adult;

1 E. That no minor shall be exposed to hazardous waste products or other hazardous
2 substances;

3 F. That no minor shall be permitted to work on any excavation, scaffolding or
4 roofing; and

5 G. That no minor shall be permitted to work:

6 (1) During school hours;

7 (2) Before seven o'clock in the morning;

8 (3) After seven o'clock in the evening;

9 (4) For more than five consecutive hours without a half-hour break; and

10 (5) For more than eighteen hours per week when school is in session.

11 SECTION 2. *Insurance.* – The nonprofit organization engaged in the construction
12 of affordable housing shall secure liability insurance to provide compensation for all
13 injuries, including, but not limited to, occupational illness, sustained by minors working
14 voluntarily in the construction of affordable housing.

15 SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
16 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
17 provisions hereof.

18 SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
19 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
20 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

21 SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
22 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,