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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The right to shelter is a fundamental human right.

For millions of Filipinos still living in poverty the said right remains elusive to this day. It is our bounden duty as representatives of the Filipino people to eliminate all obstacles towards full implementation of programs that ensure housing for all.

By eliminating Value-Added Taxes imposed on construction materials including lease of equipment for socialized housing as well as housing projects for disaster victims; it is hoped that we are able to contribute to this objective of making available housing for all.

For the above reason, the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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

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SECTION 1. Section 109 of the National Internal Revenue Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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"SEC. 109. Exempt Transactions. - The following shall be exempt from the valueadded tax:

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(a) Sale of nonfood agricultural products; marine and forest products in their original state by the primary producer or the owner of the land where the same are produced;

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(z) Sale or lease of goods or properties or the performance of services other than the transactions mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, the gross annual sales and/or receipts do not exceed the amount of Five hundred fifty thousand pesos (P550,000): Provided. That not later than January 31st of the calendar year subsequent to the effectivity of Republic Act No. 8241 and each calendar year thereafter, the amount of Five hundred fifty thousand pesos (550,000) shall be adjusted to its present value using the Consumer Price Index, as published by the National Statistics Office (NSO).

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(AA) SALE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS OR LEASE OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT USED FOR LOW-COST AND SOCIALIZED HOUSING AS DEFINED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992 AND OTHER RELATED LAWS; INCLUDING HOUSING PROJECTS AND PROJECTS TO REHABILITATE DAMAGE HOUSES FOR VICTIMS OF DISASTERS AS DEFINED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10121 OR

PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2010.

The foregoing exemptions to the contrary notwithstanding, any person whose sale of goods or properties or services which are otherwise not subject to VAT, but who issues a VAT invoice or receipt therefor shall, in addition to his liability to other applicable percentage tax, if any, be liable to the tax imposed in Section 106 or 108 without the benefit of input tax credit, and such tax shall also be recognized as input tax credit to the purchaser under Section 110, all of this Code."

SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause*. All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. *Effectivity*. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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