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EXPLANATORY NOTE

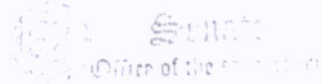
Republic Act No. 7900 or the High Value Crops Development Act enacted in 1995 seeks to accelerate the growth and development of agriculture in the country, enhance productivity as well as profits of farmers and improve the country's investment climate, augmenting its foreign exchange earnings in the process.

More than twenty (20) years after its enactment it is high time to amend the law in order to fully realize and achieve the objectives of the law.

The proposed measure intends to broaden the coverage and application of the law in order to contribute to the growth and sustainable development of the agricultural industry. The amendments will likewise further heighten the development of high value crops resulting in a significantly more competitive free market, a more developed agriculture in general, improved investment climate, better competency and efficiency in agribusiness and capacity to develop high value crops as exporters, substantially expanding the foreign exchange earnings of the country as a consequence.

In light of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is highly recommended.


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

1 Section 1. Sections 3, 5, and 7 of Republic Act No. 7900, otherwise
2 known as the High Value Development Act of 1995 and or other purposes is
3 hereby amended to read as follows:

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5 "Section 3. Scope of Application - This Act shall cover, **BUT**
6 **SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO**, upland dwellers as well as
7 lowland tenant, indigenous and cultural communities,
8 Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) beneficiaries,
9 upland farm owners, farmers,
10 organization/associations/cooperatives, community associations
11 and farm workers, and to the extent herein provided, the
12 departments, offices, agencies, subdivisions, branches of
13 instrumentalities in the areas.

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15 "Section 5. Site Identification - The Department of Agrarian
16 Reform and the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with

1 the Department of Environment and Natural resources, and the
2 municipal government concerned, **ALONG WITH PRIVATE**
3 **SECTOR INITIATIVE OR VOLUNTEERS**, shall identify the
4 broad areas suitable for high value crops production within six (6)
5 months after the effectivity of this Act. Provided, that such
6 identification shall be reviewed at appropriate intervals to ensure
7 consistency with agrarian reform program and the national land
8 use policy.

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10 "Section 7. Farm Model - For the program, [farmers may
11 adopt] **PORTIONS OF LARGE LANDHOLDINGS NOT**
12 **COVERED UNDER CARP MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO**
13 **LANDLESS FARMERS FOR THE ADOPTION OF** the
14 cooperative system in putting up economically-sized farms for
15 high value crops farming. Farmers-members shall collectively
16 manage an individual farm which includes the contracting
17 process and mean of production; planning and coordinating crop
18 varieties; and raising breed hectarage, distribution and some
19 measures with reference to the market it shall serve. Said farm
20 models may be replicated by farmers' organizations all over the
21 country."

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23 *Sec. 2. Repealing Clause.* - All laws or parts thereof, decrees, orders,
24 rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
25 repealed or modified accordingly; Provided, however, That nothing in this Act
26 shall be construed or applied as amending the CARP and other laws on Agrarian
27 Reform.

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29 *Sec. 3. Separability Clause.* - If any of the provisions of this Act is
30 declared invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain full force
31 and effect.

1 *Sec. 4. Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall be effective fifteen (15) days
2 after completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of
3 general circulation.

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6 Approved,