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Introduced by **SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA**

**AN ACT PROVIDING CAMPUS HOUSING TO TENURED
FACULTY MEMBERS IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND
COLLEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Currently, some state colleges and universities in the Philippines provide housing for tenured faculty members. However, these individuals lose the privilege when they retire, resign or are terminated from the service. This situation gives rise to a heartbreaking situation where retired faculty members lose their "home" in their old age.

For example, in the University of the Philippines, retired employees are required to return the unit they are occupying within six months from their retirement from the University. This same policy is also existing in other state universities and colleges (SUCs), such as Mindanao State University, among others.

In order to remedy this situation, this bill mandates SUCs to provide in-campus housing to tenured faculty at affordable rental charges and in accordance with the criteria and standards set by the Board of Regents of the SUC. Qualified faculty members shall have the right to stay in in-campus housing units during their lifetime to ensure that they will be able to live comfortably in the home they grew accustomed to. This measure also seeks to protect them from inconvenience of looking for alternative housing and moving somewhere else during their old age.

In addition, in recognition of the fact that SUC in-campus housing may be limited, this bill also mandates SUCs to establish partnerships with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Government Financial Institutions (GFIs), and other government agencies, to assist qualified beneficiaries in the rental and/or acquisition of off-campus housing and in the avilment of soft loans for the acquisition of housing units outside of the premises of the university or college, respectively.

Lastly, this bill also mandates all SUCs to develop a Housing Development Program to ensure that tenured faculty members and other permanent personnel shall have affordable housing options, whether in-campus or off-campus.

The immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

- 1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “State Universities
2 and Colleges (SUCs) Faculty Housing Act.”
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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – The State recognizes the right of teachers
5 to professional advancement, to adequate remuneration and other means of
6 job satisfaction and fulfillment. Towards this end, the State shall provide
7 decent and high quality housing at equitable terms and conditions for tenured
8 faculty members who have dedicated their lives to a lifelong pursuit of
9 teaching and education.
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11 **SEC. 3. Coverage.** – The provisions of this Act shall apply to all tenured
12 faculty members in all SUCs in the Philippines. For the purpose of this Act,
13 tenured faculty members refer to members of the faculty of SUCs who have
14 attained permanent status according to the standards and criteria set by the
15 SUC.
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17 **SEC. 5. Mandatory Campus Housing for Tenured Faculty Members.** – All
18 SUCs shall provide in-campus housing to qualified tenured faculty members
19 at affordable rental charges and in accordance with the criteria and standards
20 set by the Board of Regents of the concerned SUC; *Provided*, That the term
21 of the lease agreement may be co-terminous with the lifetime of the
22 beneficiary, regardless of the beneficiary's retirement from the SUC
23 concerned, unless sooner revoked or terminated by the beneficiary, or when
24 the beneficiary resigns or is terminated from service prior to his/her
25 retirement, or due to gross violations of the housing rules and regulations of

1 the SUC or due to other causes as may be set in the implementing rules and
2 regulations of this Act.

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4 **SEC. 6. Alternative Housing Options.** – In addition to in-campus housing,
5 SUCs shall also establish a program and linkages with other government
6 agencies in offering alternative housing options to the beneficiaries of this Act,
7 including, but not limited to, the following:
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9 a) Housing Assistance. The SUC shall establish partnerships and
10 coordinate with the Department of Housing and Urban Development
11 (DHUD) and other relevant government agencies in assisting the
12 qualified beneficiaries under this Act in the rental and/or acquisition of
13 off-campus housing.
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15 b) Soft Loan programs. The SUC shall establish partnerships with the Land
16 Bank of the Philippines and other qualified Government Financial
17 Institutions (GFIs) for the creation of a soft loan program specifically for
18 qualified beneficiaries under this Act to facilitate the acquisition of off-
19 campus housing, with terms and conditions favorable to the borrower-
20 qualified beneficiary.
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22 **SEC. 7. SUC Housing Development Program.** – Within one (1) year from
23 the effectivity of this Act, all SUCs shall develop a Housing Development
24 Program to ensure that tenured faculty members and other permanent
25 personnel shall have affordable housing options, whether in-campus or off-
26 campus.
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28 **SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within sixty (60) days from
29 the effectivity of this Act, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), in
30 coordination with the Department of Housing and Urban Development
31 (DHUD) and Land Bank of the Philippines, SUCs and other relevant
32 government agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations
33 for the effective implementation of this Act.
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35 **SEC. 9. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions
36 of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA)
37 under the budgets of the particular SUCs.
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39 **SEC. 10. Separability Clause.** – Any portion or provisions of this Act that
40 may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of
41 nullifying other portions and provisions hereof as long as such remaining
42 portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.
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44 **SEC. 11. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders,
45 proclamations and administrative regulations, or any parts thereof inconsistent
46 herewith are hereby revoked, repealed or modified accordingly.
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1 **SEC. 12. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
2 its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of
3 general circulation.

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5 **Approved,**