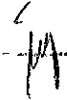


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The National Irrigation Administration (NIA), which was created under R.A. 3601, is tasked with the development of policy and the operation and maintenance of the irrigation systems all over the country. Likewise, it is mandated to provide corollary services in line with the agricultural development program of the national government such as construction of more infrastructures, and employment of modern technology and other support services.

The creation of NIA is the government's effort to attain self-sufficiency in agricultural crops, which has become one of our nation's major economic goals.

The Board of Directors exercises the powers and functions of NIA. Under P.D. No. 552, which amended R.A. 3601, the Board is composed of six members and farmers are only represented by the rice and corn organization. This proposed measure provides the inclusion of a representative from the private sector particularly the consumers and entrepreneurs who are also associates and partners in the formulation of economic policies. The inclusion of the sector in the Board shall provide for a more integrated and coordinated food security policies.

Their participation will enable the agency to be more responsive to the concerns and agenda of all sectors of society which together constitute the working elements of the agricultural sector of the national economy.


In view of the foregoing considerations, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL
IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Act 3601, as amended hereby further amended
to read as follows:

“SECTION 4. Board of Directors – The powers and
functions of the National Irrigation Administration shall be
exercised by the Board of Directors composed of six SEVEN
members, to wit: The Secretary of Public Works and
Highways, [Transportation and Communications who shall be
the Chairman], the Director General of the National Economic
and Development Authority, the Secretary of Agriculture, the
[General Manager], President of the National Power
Corporation, and (one) TWO members who shall be appointed
by the President of the Philippines, ONE upon the
recommendation of any national rice and corn organization of
good standing; AND SECOND, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PRIVATE SECTOR, WHO SHALL BE A FILIPINO CITIZEN,
AT LEAST THIRTY FIVE YEARS OF AGE, OF PROVEN
HONESTY, INTEGRITY AND RECOGNIZED COMPETENCE,
and who shall serve for a term of four years unless sooner
removed FOR CAUSE OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS
SHALL HAVE BEEN QUALIFIED AND APPOINTED.

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE SHALL BE THE EX-
OFFICIO CHAIRMAN AND THE VICE-CHARIMAN SHALL BE THE
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION
ADMINISTRATION.

In case of failure of a member to attend the meetings of the
Board due to physical incapacity or any temporary disability, the
Undersecretary or the Assistant Head of the office or agency to which
the member concerned belongs, shall attend the meetings of the
board, with the power to vote.

For actual attendance at regular meetings, each member of the Board or his representative as authorized in the preceding paragraph, shall receive a per diem of [three hundred pesos] TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P2,500.00), and [one hundred pesos] one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) for special meetings, but the total amount per diems that a member may receive in a month shall in no case be above [one thousand five hundred pesos] TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00). The Board shall fix the amount of representation and transportation allowance that the members may receive.

SEC 2. *Appropriation.* Such sum as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC 3. *Repealing Clause.* All existing laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations, or any parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC 4. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,