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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
H.B. NO. 4330

Introduced by: **Cong. Eugene Michael B. de Vera**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Congress in December 1994 enacted into Law Republic Act 7835 known as "Comprehensive and Integrated Shelter Financing Act of 1994."

Paragraph (e) of Section 4 created the Local Housing Program to implement cost-recoverable socialized housing projects in select urban and urbanizable areas in all of two hundred nineteen (219) congressional districts with an initial funding of Three Billion Pesos (P3,000,000,000.00). To date, not even close to fifty percent (50%) of its implementation has been complied with estimated unused funds of Two Billion Pesos (P2,000,000,000.00), more or less.

The afore-cited provision of R.A. 7835 ensure to subsidize the implementation of cost-recoverable socialized housing project for equitable distribution in all congressional districts.

Inasmuch as our Government focuses on poverty alleviation by providing cash subsidies thru the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in billions of pesos, it is the opportune time to provide for a Free Housing Program likewise to our citizenry with preference to those marginalized and under privileged belonging to the poorest of the poor.

Free Housing complements cash subsidies and easy access to public elementary and secondary educations and perhaps a free college degree scheme in the near future.

We feed our citizenry, properly educate and train them and finally provided them with free shelters.

Republic Act 7835 when passed only covered two hundred nineteen (219) districts without any party-list representation, thus, the existing Local Housing Program does not include new congressional districts created since its passage (R.A. 7835), moreso, any party-list representation.

Therefore, there is an urgent need to afford our marginalized and underprivileged but deserving citizenry non-recoverable housing projects program and expand the coverage of such by including newly created districts and elected party-lists' constituencies as beneficiaries amending R.A. 7835 to conform not only with the present priority programs but as well as to afford our countrymen to realize their long-cherished dreams of owning the roofs they are living in.

The immediate passage of this bill is earnestly recommended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eugene B. De Vera", written in a cursive style.

EUGENE MICHAEL B. DE VERA

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AN ACT

TO IMPLEMENT FREE HOUSING PROJECTS IN SELECT URBAN AND
URBANIZABLE AREAS UNDER THE LOCAL HOUSING PROGRAM AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE PARAGRAPH (e) SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7835,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE AND INTEGRATED
SHELTER FINANCING ACT OF 1994

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

Sec. 1. Paragraph (e), Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7835 is hereby amended
and to read as follows:

"SECTION 4.

(e) Local housing - To ensure the equitable distribution of housing benefits
across the country, the NHA is hereby tasked to implement free housing projects in selected
urban and urbanizable areas as maybe identified by all sitting members of the House of
Representatives for their respective constituencies. Criteria for the selection of sites shall be
formulated by the HUDCC and NHA pursuant to Republic Act No. 7279. Provided, that any
awardee / grantee shall be prohibited from alienating such award or grant by any mode of
transferring title including thru encumbrances or mortgages except by way of succession
within ten (10) years from the date of award / grant. Provided further, that the award or grant
shall be exempt from levy and or execution as a result of any administrative or judicial

process. Provided finally, that existing cost-recoverable socialized housing project loans under the Local Housing Program shall be condoned."

Sec. 2. FUNDING - Funds for this purpose shall be taken from the unexpended appropriations of the Local Housing Program pursuant to paragraph (e) of Section 9 of R.A. 7835 to be divided equally among the constituencies afore-mentioned with emphasis that the NHA shall give top priority to such funding vis-a-vis the other housing programs as mandated.

Sec. 3. REPEAL - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations or any part thereof, inconsistent with this act are hereby correspondingly modified or repealed.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVITY - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the official gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED.