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GAITE, VERGARA, SAVELLANO, NIETO, VILLARICA, TIANGCO
AND ROMUALDEZ (F.M.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 275

AN ACT GRANTING FULL INSURANCE COVERAGE TO ALL
QUALIFIED AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES OF THE
COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 9700, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM
EXTENSION WITH REFORMS"

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

SECTION 1. Section 14 of Republic Act No. 9700, otherwise
known as the "Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program Extension
with Reforms", is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 14. Section 37 of Republic Act No. 6657,
as amended, is hereby further amended to read as
follows:

"SEC. 37. *Support Services for the Agrarian
Reform Beneficiaries.* - The State shall adopt the

integrated policy of support services delivery to
agrarian reform beneficiaries. To this end, the DAR,
the Department of Finance, and the Bangko Sentral
ng Pilipinas (BSP) shall institute reforms to liberalize
access to credit by agrarian reform beneficiaries. The
PARC shall ensure that support services for agrarian
reform beneficiaries are provided, such as:

"(a) x x x;

"(e) x x x; [and]

"(f) x x x[.]; AND

"(G) FULL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
COMPENSABLE LOSSES TO ALL QUALIFIED AGRARIAN
REFORM BENEFICIARIES (ARBs) AS DEFINED IN
SECTION 3(B) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10000,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE AGRI-AGRA REFORM
CREDIT ACT OF 2009', WHO ARE ACTUALLY TILLING
THE LAND AND HAVE MADE INVESTMENTS IN GROWING
CROPS OR STOCKS IN FISHERIES FARMS, PRODUCTION
INPUTS, AND OTHER FARMING IMPLEMENTS, AND
OTHER NON-CROP AGRICULTURAL ASSETS NECESSARY
IN THE ACTUAL CULTIVATION, HARVESTING, STORAGE
AND HOUSING OF SUCH CROPS, CROP OR STOCK IN
FISHERIES FARMS, OR LIVESTOCK AS CERTIFIED BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR).
THE DAR SHALL PROVIDE THE PROCEDURES FOR
SUCH REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION OF ACTUAL
BENEFICIARIES AND FARMING INVESTMENTS AND
PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY SUCH BENEFICIARIES.

"COMPENSABLE LOSSES INCLUDE THOSE
RESULTING FROM NATURAL CALAMITIES SUCH AS

1 TYPHOON, FLOOD, DROUGHT, EARTHQUAKE,
 2 VOLCANIC ERUPTION, FROST, AND OTHER
 3 DESTRUCTIVE NATURAL PHENOMENA SUCH AS HEAT
 4 AND HOT WIND; PLANT DISEASES CAUSED BY
 5 PATHOGENS, BACTERIA, FUNGI, VIRUSES, VIRUS-LIKE
 6 PATHOGENS, AND OTHER SIMILAR FOREIGN BODIES;
 7 PEST INFESTATIONS CAUSED BY NEMATODES,
 8 INSECTS, MITES AND SPIDERS, MILLIPEDES AND
 9 CENTIPEDES, SYMPHYLANS, SLUGS AND SNAILS, SOW
 10 BUGS AND PILLBUGS, PARASITIC HIGHER PLANTS, AND
 11 OTHER PARASITES, AND LOSS OF LIFE AND/OR INJURY
 12 TO THE QUALIFIED AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARY
 13 DUE TO ACCIDENT OR ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED
 14 CAUSES.

15 "THE FOLLOWING CROPS AND OTHER FARMING
 16 AND FISHERY PRODUCE ARE COVERED BY THIS
 17 SECTION: PALAY, CORN, SUGARCANE, HIGH-VALUE
 18 CROPS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 4(B) OF REPUBLIC
 19 ACT NO. 7900, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'HIGH-
 20 VALUE CROPS DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1995',
 21 COCONUT, TOBACCO, CROP OR STOCK IN FISHERIES
 22 FARMS, AND LIVESTOCK, NON-CROP AGRICULTURAL
 23 ASSETS USED IN ACTUAL FARMING AND REPORTED TO
 24 AND CERTIFIED BY THE DAR ARE LIKEWISE
 25 COVERABLE BY INSURANCE AS MANDATED HEREIN.

26 "x x x."

27 SEC. 2. *List of Qualified Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries and*
 28 *Leaseholders.* – The DAR, in coordination with the Land Bank of
 29 the Philippines, shall submit to the Department of Agriculture (DA)
 30 within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the complete

1 list of qualified ARBs and leaseholders to be included in the
 2 Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA), their
 3 respective locations and size of landholdings.

4 SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of the DA and the
 5 Secretary of the DAR shall immediately include in their
 6 Departments' programs the needed operational requirement of this
 7 Act, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the
 8 current appropriations of the Philippine Crop Insurance
 9 Corporation (PCIC) for the RSBSA. Thereafter, projections of the
 10 annual premium requirement shall be submitted by the DA-PCIC
 11 and the DAR to the President, and shall be included in the annual
 12 General Appropriations Act: *Provided*, That due to the insufficiency
 13 of the initial fund to cover all qualified ARBs and leaseholders,
 14 priority for coverage shall be allocated in the following manner:
 15 fifty percent (50%) to those newly installed and qualified ARBs with
 16 issued certificate of land ownership awards (CLOAs) or leasehold
 17 instruments, in descending chronological order; and the remaining
 18 fifty percent (50%) to those earliest installed and qualified ARBs
 19 with issued emancipation patents (EPs)/CLOAs or leasehold
 20 instruments, in ascending chronological order: *Provided, further*,
 21 That additional qualified ARBs and leaseholders shall be covered
 22 yearly based on annual projections, and in the same manner as
 23 provided, until such time that all qualified ARBs and leaseholders
 24 are covered under this Act.

25 SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within
 26 thirty (30) days from the approval of this Act, the DAR, in
 27 coordination with the DA, PCIC and Department of Budget and
 28 Management, shall issue the necessary implementing rules and
 29 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

1 SEC. 5. *Congressional Oversight Committee.* – A Congressional
2 Oversight Committee for the Full Insurance Coverage of Agrarian
3 Reform Beneficiaries (COCFICARB) is hereby created to monitor
4 the implementation of this Act. It shall be composed of the
5 Chairpersons of the Committees on Agrarian Reform of both Houses
6 of Congress, and three (3) Members of the House of Representatives,
7 and three (3) Members of the Senate of the Philippines, to be
8 designated respectively by the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives and the President of the Senate of the Philippines.

10 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, acts, decrees,
11 executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations or parts
12 thereof which are contrary to and inconsistent with this Act are
13 hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

14 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
15 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of
16 general circulation.

Approved,

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