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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 275**

Submitted by the Committee on Agrarian Reform and Committee on Appropriations on  
MAR 05 2020

Re: House Bill No. 6505

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1045 and 345.

Sponsors: Representatives Solomon R. Chungalao, Isidro T. Ungab, Kristine Singson-Meehan and Vilma Santos-Recto.

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Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Agrarian Reform and the Committee on Appropriations to which were referred House Bill No. 1045 introduced by Rep. Kristine Singson-Meehan, entitled:

“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.” and

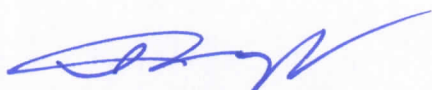
House Bill No. 3451 authored by Rep. Vilma Santos-Recto entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF A FULL CROP INSURANCE COVERAGE TO QUALIFIED 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.”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 6505  
entitled:

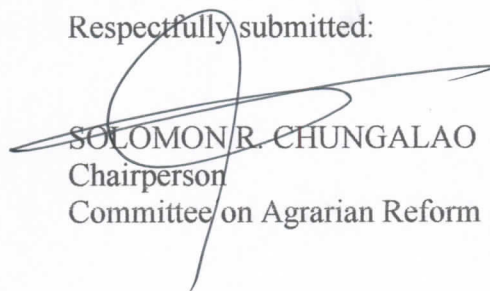
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be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1045 and 3451 with Representatives Kristine Singson-Meehan, Vilma Santos-Recto, Solomon R. Chungalao, Isidro T. Ungab, Tyrone D. Agabas, , Joey Sarte Salceda, Junie E. Cua, Jose "Ping-ping I. Tejada, Micaela S. Violago, Greg G. Gasataya, Romeo M. Jalosjos, Jr., Jose Enrique "Joet S. Garcia III, Juan Miguel Macapagal Arroyo, Peter John D. Calderon, Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe, Ed Christopher S. Go, Way Kurat Zamora, Narciso R. Bravo, Jr., Glona G. Labadlabad, Joselito "Joel" S. Sacdalan, Jose Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez, Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Ramon V. Guico III, Abdullah D. Dimaporo, Yasser Alonto Balindong, Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr., Stella Luz A. Quimbo, Isagani S. Amatong, Joel Mayo Z. Almario, Lorenz R. Defensor, Alfred C. Delos Santos, Ferdinand R. Gaite and Rossana "Ria" Vergara, as authors thereof.



ISIDRO T. UNGAB  
Chairperson  
Committee on Appropriations

Respectfully submitted:



SOLOMON R. CHUNGALAO  
Chairperson  
Committee on Agrarian Reform

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6505

**(Substitute Bill to House Bills Numbered 1045 and 3451)**

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Introduced by Representatives Kristine Singson-Meehan, Vilma Santos Recto, Solomon R. Chungalao, Isidro T. Ungab, Tyrone D. Agabas, Joey Sarte Salceda, Junie E. Cua, Jose "Ping-ping" I. Tejada, Micaela S. Violago, Greg G. Gasataya, Romeo M. Jalosjos Jr., Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III, Juan Miguel Macapagal Arroyo, Peter John D. Calderon, Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe, Ed Christopher S. Go, Way Kurat E. Zamora, Narciso R. Bravo Jr., Glona Labadlabad, Joselito "Joel" S. Sacdalan, Jose Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez, Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Ramon V. Guico III, Abdullah D. Dimaporo, Yasser Alonto Balindong, Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., Stella Luz A. Quimbo, Isagani S. Amatong, Joel Mayo Z. Almario, Lorenz R. Defensor, Alfred C. Delos Santos, Ferdinand R. Gaite and Rossana "Ria" Vergara.

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**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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**SEC. 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



1 shall ensure that support services for agrarian reform beneficiaries are  
2 provided, such as:

3 "(a) Xxx xxx xxx;

4 xxx xxx xxx;

5 (f) Xxx xxx xxx; AND

6 **(G) FULL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR COMPENSABLE LOSSES TO**  
7 **ALL QUALIFIED AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES AS DEFINED**  
8 **IN SECTION 3(b) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10000, OTHERWISE**  
9 **KNOWN AS THE 'AGRI-AGRA LAW', WHO ARE ACTUALLY TILLING**  
10 **THE LAND AND HAVE MADE INVESTMENTS IN GROWING CROPS**  
11 **OR STOCKS**

12 **IN FISHERIES FARMS, PRODUCTION INPUTS, AND OTHER**  
13 **FARMING IMPLEMENTS, AND OTHER NON-CROP AGRICULTURAL**  
14 **ASSETS NECESSARY IN THE ACTUAL CULTIVATION, HARVESTING,**  
15 **STORAGE AND HOUSING OF SUCH CROPS, CROP OR STOCK IN**  
16 **FISHERIES FARMS, OR LIVESTOCK AS CERTIFIED BY THE**  
17 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR). THE DAR SHALL**  
18 **PROVIDE THE PROCEDURES FOR SUCH REGISTRATION AND**  
19 **CERTIFICATION OF ACTUAL BENEFICIARIES AND FARMING**  
20 **INVESTMENTS AND PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY SUCH**  
21 **BENEFICIARIES.**

22 **COMPENSABLE LOSSES INCLUDE THOSE RESULTING FROM**  
23 **NATURAL CALAMITIES SUCH AS TYPHOON, FLOOD, DROUGHT,**  
24 **EARTHQUAKE, VOLCANIC ERUPTION, FROST, AND OTHER**  
25 **DESTRUCTIVE NATURAL PHENOMENA SUCH AS HEAT AND HOT**  
26 **WIND; PLANT DISEASES CAUSED BY PATHOGENS, BACTERIA,**  
27 **FUNGI, VIRUSES, VIRUS-LIKE PATHOGENS, AND OTHER SIMILAR**  
28 **FOREIGN BODIES; PEST INFESTATIONS CAUSED BY NEMATODES,**  
29 **INSECTS, MITES AND SPIDERS, MILLIPEDES AND CENTIPEDES,**  
30 **SYMPHYLANS, SLUGS AND SNAILS, SOW BUGS AND PILLBUGS,**  
31 **PARASITIC HIGHER PLANTS, AND OTHER PARASITES, AND LOSS**  
32 **OF LIFE AND/OR INJURY TO THE QUALIFIED AGRARIAN REFORM**  
33 **BENEFICIARY DUE TO ACCIDENT OR ANY OF THE**  
34 **AFOREMENTIONED CAUSES."**

35 **THE FOLLOWING CROPS AND OTHER FARMING AND FISHERY**  
36 **PRODUCE ARE COVERED BY THIS SECTION: PALAY, CORN,**  
37 **SUGARCANE, HIGH-VALUE CROPS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 4(b) of**  
38 **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7900, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'HIGH-**  
39 **VALUE CROPS DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1995', COCONUT,**  
40 **TOBACCO, CROP OR STOCK IN FISHERIES FARMS, AND**

1        **LIVESTOCK, NON-CROP AGRICULTURAL ASSETS USED IN ACTUAL**  
2        **FARMING AND REPORTED TO AND CERTIFIED BY THE DAR ARE**  
3        **LIKewise COVERABLE BY INSURANCE AS MANDATED HEREIN."**

4        "Xxx    xxx    xxx."

5        **SEC. 2. List of Qualified Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries and Leaseholders.** - The  
6        DAR, in coordination with the Landbank of the Philippines, shall submit to the  
7        Department of Agriculture (DA) within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the  
8        complete list of qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries and leaseholders to be included in  
9        the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA), their respective locations  
10       and size of landholdings

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

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

31       **SEC. 5. Congressional Oversight Committee.** - A Congressional Oversight  
32       Committee for the Full Insurance Coverage of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries  
33       (COCFICARB) is hereby created to monitor the implementation of this Act. It shall be  
34       composed of the Chairpersons of the Committee on Agrarian Reform of both Houses of  
35       Congress, and three (3) Members of the House of Representatives, and three (3)  
36       Members of the Senate of the Philippines, to be designated respectively by the Speaker  
37       of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate of the Philippines.



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

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

6 Approved,

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**FACT SHEET**

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Committee Referral: Committee on Agrarian Reform and Committee on Appropriations

Committee Chairpersons: Reps. Solomon R. Chungalao and Isidro T. Ungab

**OBJECTIVES:**

- To provide immediate financial assistance to affected Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs) in the event of natural calamities in order to make losses more bearable.
- To mitigate the effects of natural calamities by providing full insurance coverage to qualified farmers.

**KEY PROVISIONS:**

- Provides an additional form of support service in the form of full insurance coverage to all qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries as defined in the Agri-Agra Law, who are actually tilling the land and capitalizing on crops as certified by the Department of Agrarian Reform.
- Covers compensable losses which include those resulting from natural calamities such as typhoon, flood, drought, earthquake and volcanic eruption, plant diseases caused by pathogens, bacteria, fungi, viruses, virus like pathogens and other similar foreign bodies and pest infestations caused by nematodes, insects, mites and spiders, millipedes and centipedes, symphylans, slugs and snails, sow bugs and pillbugs, parasitic higher plants and other parasites, and loss of life and/or injury to the qualified agrarian reform beneficiary due to accident or any of the aforementioned causes.
- Also covers crops such as palay, corn, sugarcane, high value crops, coconut and tobacco; aquaculture, livestock and non-crop agricultural assets
- Provides that the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and the Secretary of the DAR shall include in their departments' programs the needed operational requirement of this Act. Mandates that the initial funding shall be charged against the current appropriations of the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) for the RSBSA. Thereafter, projections of annual premium requirement

shall be submitted by the PCIC, the DA and the DAR to the President, and shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

- States that the necessary IRR shall be provided by the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council (PARC), the DAR, the DA and the PCIC.

**RELATED LAWS:**

- R.A. 9700, CARPER
- R.A. 6657, CARL of 1988
- PD 1467 Creation of the Crop Insurance Corporation
- RA 8175 further amending PD 1467