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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**SEVENTEENTH (17<sup>th</sup>) CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 157**



Introduced by Representative Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

A version of this bill was originally filed by this representation as House Bill No. 5266, in response to the request of the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor, led by its chairperson, Mr. Hernani E. Panganiban. After the consolidation of all other House Bills filed of the same subject, namely HB Nos. 182 by Rep. Gustavo S. Tambunting, 904 by Rep. Erlinda M. Santiago, 2618 by by Former Akbayan Reps. Ibarra "Barry" Gutierrez III and Walden Bello, 2791 by Rep. s. Cresente C. Paez, et. al, 2824 by by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo, and 5266 by this representation, as well as the deliberations by the technical working group, which took into consideration House Resolution No. 120 by Rep. Fernando L. Hicap; and Privileged Speeches Numbered 0005 by Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus on July 30, 2014; and 0131 by Rep. Fernando L. Hicap on January 29, 2014, the Committee on Housing and Urban Development and Committee on Appropriation, in Committee Report No. 1025 dated 03 February 2016 during the Sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) Congress came out with this version for plenary consideration.

The importance of this bill in the pursuit of social justice for informal settler families cannot be over-emphasized.

Section 10, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that "Urban and rural poor dwellers shall not be evicted nor their dwellings demolished, except in accordance with law and in a just and humane manner."

Pursuant to this constitutional mandate, Section 28 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7279, otherwise known as "Urban Development and Housing Act (UDHA) of 1992," stresses that eviction or demolition as a practice shall be discouraged and that certain requirements must first be complied prior to the dismantling of houses and eviction of affected families. Eviction or demolition may only be allowed (a) when persons or entities occupy danger areas, (b) when government infrastructure projects with available funding are about to be implemented, or (c) when there is a court order for eviction and demolition.

Despite the provisions in the Constitution and the UDHA, violence still erupts during the conduct of evictions and demolitions of informal settler families (ISFs), leading to instances of severe injuries, and sometimes, loss of lives, especially among the poor and vulnerable dwellers. Moreover, these instances of violence get publicized, not only in the local and national mass and social media, but also in the international press, putting the country's reputation as signatory to various human rights covenants and agreements in a negative light.

On 02 May 2012, then Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Jesse M. Robredo issued a letter to the Philippine National Police (PNP), directing then Chief PNP Nicanor Bartolome that in order to prevent violence from erupting during evictions and demolitions, a protocol must be strictly observed, including the conduct of a pre-demolition conference (PDC). On the same day, Secretary Robredo wrote Philippine Commission on Urban Poor (PCUP) Chairman Hernani B. Panganiban, requesting assistance with regard to his directives and indicated the role of PCUP in the implementation of the same.

This measure, filed in support of the DILG and the PCUP's efforts, aims to institutionalize the conduct of a pre-demolition conference or a consultation among all stakeholders. This also aims to strengthen the safeguards already provided for under Section 28 of the UDHA. A PDC must be called upon to coordinate the various stakeholders, including government agencies tasked to provide the basic needs of the ISFs, to ensure that all forms of aggressions related to demolition and eviction are reduced, if not eliminated. Subscribing to the practice of peaceful dialogues guarantees an inclusive process that brings together the conflicting opinions of the stakeholders, focusing on finding just and sustainable solutions.

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





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**AN ACT**

**PRESCRIBING A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE EVICTION OF  
UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS OR THE DEMOLITION OF  
THEIR DWELLINGS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF,  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 7279, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992"**

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 28 of Republic Act Numbered 7279 is hereby amended to read  
as follows:

**"Sec. 28. Eviction and Demolition.** - Eviction or demolition as a practice shall be  
discouraged. [Eviction or demolition, however, may be allowed under the following  
situations:]

a. EVICTION OR DEMOLITION, WHEN ALLOWED. - EVICTION OR  
DEMOLITION MAY BE ALLOWED UNDER THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

[(a)] 1. When persons or entities occupy a danger area[s such as *esteros*, railroad  
tracks, garbage dumps, riverbanks, shorelines, waterways, and other public places  
such as sidewalks, roads, parks, and playgrounds] OR HIGH RISK  
AREAWHICH POSES A HIGH LEVEL OF THREAT TO PUBLIC WELFARE  
AND SAFETY THAT CANNOT BE ADDRESSED THROUGH OR  
REMEDIED BY SCIENTIFIC, PHYSICAL, AND ENGINEERING METHODS  
AND, THEREBY, UNSUITABLE FOR SETTLEMENT AND PERMANENT  
STRUCTURES; PROVIDED, THAT AN AREA CAN ONLY BE DECLARED

1 AS A DANGER AREA OR HIGH RISK AREA THROUGH AN  
2 APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL STUDY AND ADEQUATE PUBLIC  
3 CONSULTATION WITH THE AFFECTED PERSONS OR ENTITIES;

4 [(b)] 2. When government infrastructure projects with available funding are about to  
5 be implemented: PROVIDED, THAT THE AGENCY WHICH SEEKS TO  
6 IMPLEMENT THE EVICTION OR DEMOLITION SHALL ESTABLISH THE  
7 PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND THE BUDGET  
8 PERTAINING TO IT UPON ITS APPLICATION TO THE PRESIDENTIAL  
9 COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR FOR AN EVICTION OR  
10 DEMOLITION CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE; [or] AND

11 [(c)] 3. When there is a court order for eviction and demolition: PROVIDED,  
12 HOWEVER, THAT NO EXECUTION OF EVICTION OR DEMOLITION  
13 ORDER SHALL PROCEED AND BE CARRIED OUT DURING THE  
14 PENDENCY OF AN APPEAL, NOTWITHSTANDING THE FAILURE TO  
15 FILE A SUPERSEDEAS BOND TO STAY THE EXECUTION OF THE  
16 ORDER IF THE APPELLANT IS AN UNDERPRIVILEGED AND  
17 HOMELESS CITIZEN.

18 [In the execution of eviction or demolition orders involving underprivileged and  
19 homeless citizens, the following shall be mandatory:]

20 b. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS BEFORE THE CONDUCT OF EVICTION OR  
21 DEMOLITION. - NO EVICTION OR DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES INVOLVING  
22 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS SHALL BE EXECUTED  
23 ABSENT COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING MANDATORY  
24 REQUIREMENTS:

25 1. CONDUCT OF SOCIAL PREPARATION ACTIVITIES RELATED TO  
26 ASSET REFORM, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND BASIC SERVICES,  
27 EMPLOYMENT AND LIVELIHOOD, AND OTHER PROGRAMS OF THE  
28 GOVERNMENT FOR THE AFFECTED UNDERPRIVILEGED AND  
29 HOMELESS CITIZENS;

30 [(1)] 2. Notice upon the effected persons or entities at least thirty (30) days prior to  
31 the date of eviction or demolition;

32 [(2)] 3. Adequate consultations on the matter of resettlement with the duly designated  
33 representatives of the families to be resettled and the affected communities in

1 the areas where they are to be relocated: PROVIDED, THAT A  
2 CONSULTATION IN THE FORM OF AN INTER-AGENCY PRE-  
3 EVICTION OR PRE-DEMOLITION CONFERENCE WITH THE  
4 AFFECTED UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS SHALL  
5 BE CONVENED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR  
6 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT AUTHORIZED TO EVICT OR  
7 DEMOLISH AND THE SAME SHALL BE COMPLIED WITH UNDER  
8 THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 9 i. THE LOCAL PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE PERSONNEL, WHOSE  
10 FUNCTION IS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CIVIL  
11 DISTURBANCE CONTROL BUT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
12 PHYSICAL DISMANTLING OF ANY STRUCTURE, SHALL  
13 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS AND  
14 THEIR ROLE SHALL BE CLEARLY SET FORTH;
- 15 ii. THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES SHALL BE REPRESENTED DURING  
16 THE INTERAGENCY PRE-EVICTION OR PRE-DEMOLITION  
17 CONFERENCE WITH THE AFFECTED UNDERPRIVILEGED AND  
18 HOMELESS CITIZENS: THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND  
19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE  
20 AND DEVELOPMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE  
21 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, THE  
22 NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE PRESIDENTIAL  
23 COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
24 HEALTH, THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, APPROPRIATE  
25 KEY SHELTER AGENCIES, AND THE BARANGAY CONCERNED;
- 26 iii. THE INTER-AGENCY PRE-EVICTION OR PRE-DEMOLITION  
27 CONFERENCE WITH THE AFFECTED UNDERPRIVILEGED AND  
28 HOMELESS CITIZENS SHALL BE PRESIDED BY THE  
29 PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR, WHICH  
30 MAY CALL ON THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHER AGENCIES  
31 WHENEVER NECESSARY;
- 32 iv. THE DETAILS OF THE INTER-AGENCY PRE-EVICTION OR PRE-  
33 DEMOLITION CONFERENCE WITH THE AFFECTED  
34 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS SHALL BE



1 DOCUMENTED OR RECORDED, AND A SUMMARY OF THE  
2 POINTS OF THE AGREEMENTS ARRIVED AT AS WELL AS THE  
3 DISAGREEMENTS THEREON SHALL FORM PART OF THE  
4 DOCUMENTATION, COPIES OF WHICH SHALL BE PROVIDED TO  
5 ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT; AND

6 v. THE INTER-AGENCY PRE-EVICTION OR PRE-DEMOLITION  
7 CONFERENCE WITH THE AFFECTED UNDERPRIVILEGED AND  
8 HOMELESS CITIZENS SHALL BE CONDUCTED NOT LATER THAN  
9 SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS PRIOR TO THE INTENDED DATE OF  
10 EVICTION OR DEMOLITION, AND IN NO CASE SHALL THE  
11 CONFERENCE BE HELD WITHIN THE SAME PRESCRIPTIVE  
12 PERIOD: PROVIDED, THAT A REQUEST FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE  
13 SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFICATION FROM THE  
14 PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR THAT AN  
15 INTER-AGENCY PREEVICTION OR PRE-DEMOLITION  
16 CONFERENCE WITH THE AFFECTED UNDERPRIVILEGED AND  
17 HOMELESS CITIZENS WAS CONDUCTED;

18 4. A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE SECURED FROM THE  
19 PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR PRIOR TO  
20 THE ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EVICTION OR  
21 DEMOLITION ACTIVITY;

22 5. SUBMISSION TO THE BARANGAY OFFICIALS OF THE FOLLOWING:

23 i. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE;

24 ii. NAMES OF ALL PERSONNEL, STAFF, AND CREW TAKING PART  
25 IN THE EVICTION OR DEMOLITION ACTIVITY, INCLUDING  
26 PRIVATE SECURITY, AND THE NAMES OF THE PHILIPPINE  
27 NATIONAL POLICE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO MAINTAIN LAW  
28 AND ORDER;

29 iii. NOTICE OF THE DATE OF DEMOLITION WHICH SHALL BE AT  
30 LEAST FIVE (5) CALENDAR DAYS FROM SUCH NOTICE; AND

31 iv. LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE AGENCIES FORMING PART OF THE  
32 INTERAGENCY BODY CONVENED TO EXTEND SUPPORT AND  
33 ASSISTANCE;

34 [(3)] 6. Presence of local government officials or their representatives during eviction or

- 1 demolition;
- 2 [(4)] 7. Proper identification of all persons taking part in the demolition;
- 3 [(5)] 8. Execution of eviction or demolition only during regular office hours from
- 4 Mondays to Fridays and during good weather, unless the affected families consent
- 5 otherwise;
- 6 [(6)] 9. No use of heavy equipment for demolition except for structures that are
- 7 permanent and of concrete materials;
- 8 [(7)]10. Proper uniforms for members of the Philippine National Police who shall occupy
- 9 the first line of law enforcement and observe proper disturbance control
- 10 procedures;
- 11 11. OBSERVANCE OF A MINIMUM STANDARD OF CONDUCT BASED ON
- 12 RULES OF ENGAGEMENT THAT APPLY MAXIMUM TOLERANCE IN
- 13 ORDER TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE OR THE
- 14 ESCALATION THEREOF;
- 15 [(8)]12. Adequate relocation, whether temporary or permanent; Provided, however, That
- 16 in cases of eviction and demolition pursuant to a court order involving
- 17 underprivileged and homeless citizens, relocation shall be undertaken by the local
- 18 government unit concerned and the National Housing Authority with the
- 19 assistance of other government agencies within forty-five (45) days from service
- 20 of notice of final judgment by the court, after which period the said order shall be
- 21 executed: Provided, further, That should relocation not be possible within the said
- 22 period, financial assistance in the amount equivalent to the prevailing minimum
- 23 daily wage multiplied by sixty (60) days shall be extended to the affected families
- 24 by the local government unit concerned.

25 OBSERVANCE OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS SHALL B.E

26 MANDATORY IN ALL CASES INVOLVING THE EVICTION AND

27 DEMOLITION OF UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS,

28 REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THEIR DWELLINGS OR RESIDENTIAL

29 STRUCTURES WERE CONSTRUCTED AFTER THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS

30 ACT.

31 [The Department of Interior and Local Government and the Housing and Urban

32 Development Coordinating Council shall jointly promulgate the necessary rules and

33 regulations to carry out the above provision.]

1 c. PROHIBITION AGAINST EVICTION BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A  
2 FENCE ENCLOSING A PROPERTY INHABITED BY  
3 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS WHICH IS RAZED  
4 TO THE GROUND BY A FIRE OR RUINED BY A NATURAL  
5 CALAMITY. - NO PERSON SHALL SECURE OR BUILD A PERIMETER  
6 FENCE ON AN AREA OR PROPERTY INHABITED BY  
7 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS AFTER THE SAME  
8 IS RAZED TO THE GROUND BY A FIRE OR RUINED BY A NATURAL  
9 CALAMITY; PROVIDED, THAT THE FENCING OF THE PROPERTY  
10 SHALL BE ALLOWED IF THE PERSON CAUSING THE FENCING CAN  
11 SHOW A DULY-SIGNED COURT ORDER ALLOWING THE SAME.

12 d. DESIGNATION OF A CENTRAL COORDINATING BODY FOR  
13 EVICTION AND DEMOLITION. THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION  
14 FOR THE URBAN POOR IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THE CENTRAL  
15 COORDINATING BODY FOR THE CONDUCT OF EVICTION AND  
16 DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES INVOLVING UNDERPRIVILEGED AND  
17 HOMELESS CITIZENS. IT SHALL EXERCISE THE FOLLOWING  
18 POWERS AND FUNCTIONS:

- 19 1. MONITOR ALL EVICTIONS AND DEMOLITIONS, WHETHER  
20 EXTRA-JUDICIAL OR COURT-ORDERED, INVOLVING  
21 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS;
- 22 2. REQUIRE A GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
23 UNIT PROPOSING TO UNDERTAKE EVICTION OR DEMOLITION  
24 ACTIVITIES TO SECURE FIRST FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL  
25 COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR CENTRAL OFFICE, IN THE  
26 CASE OF NATIONAL PROJECTS, OR FROM ITS REGIONAL  
27 OFFICE, IN THE CASE OF LOCAL PROJECTS, THE CHECKLIST  
28 AND GUIDELINES FOR THE NATIONAL PROJECTS OR LOCAL  
29 PROJECTS, RESPECTIVELY, ON EVICTION OR DEMOLITION  
30 PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND,  
31 SUBSEQUENTLY, SUBMIT TO THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION  
32 FOR THE URBAN POOR THE COMPLETED CHECKLIST,  
33 ATTESTED TO UNDER OATH BY THE PROPONENT INDICATING  
34 THAT:



- i. ADEQUATE CONSULTATION WITH THE AFFECTED FAMILIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN UNDERTAKEN;
  - ii. ADEQUATE RESETLEMENT SITE AND RELOCATION FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE; AND
  - iii. THE PRE-RELOCATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH.
3. REVIEW THE BASIS FOR APPLICATION FOR THE CONDUCT OF EVICTION OF UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS OR THE DEMOLITION OF THEIR DWELLINGS IN A DANGER AREA OR HIGH RISK AREA, OR IN AN AREA WHERE A GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT WITH AVAILABLE FUNDING IS ABOUT TO BE IMPLEMENTED;
4. BASED ON THE COMPLETED CHECKLIST, SUBJECT TO FURTHER VERIFICATION, AND THE REVIEW OF THE BASIS FOR APPLICATION FOR EVICTION OR DEMOLITION IN THE PRECEDING SUB-PARAGRAPH, ISSUE A DEMOLITION AND EVICTION CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE TO THE ENDORSER OF A PROPOSED EVICTION OR DEMOLITION INVOLVING UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS;
5. INITIATE, IN COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EVICTION OR DEMOLITION BASED ON MAXIMUM TOLERANCE;
6. INVESTIGATE MOTU PROPRIO OR UPON COMPLAINT BY ANY PARTY, ANY VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS A, B, AND C HERE OF OR THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ISSUED TO IMPLEMENT THEM;
7. FILE MOTU PROPRIO OR BY WAY OF ASSISTANCE TO ANY AGGRIEVED PARTY, THE APPROPRIATE CRIMINAL, CIVIL OR ADMINISTRATIVE CASE AGAINST ANY PERSON OR PERSONS FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS A, B, AND C HEREOF OR THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ISSUED TO IMPLEMENT THEM;
8. RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT APPROPRIATE MEASURES

1 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS  
2 SECTION AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ISSUED TO  
3 IMPLEMENT THEM, INCLUDING POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE  
4 SANCTIONS AGAINST NATIONAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
5 OFFICIALS WHO HAVE VIOLATED THE SAID LAW, RULES AND  
6 REGULATIONS;

7 9. REQUEST ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY FOR ASSISTANCE AND  
8 NECESSARY INFORMATION IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR  
9 RESPECTIVE FUNCTIONS UNDER THIS ACT;

10 10. PUBLICIZE MATIERS COVERED BY ITS INVESTIGATION OF  
11 VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS A, B, AND  
12 C HEREOF OR THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ISSUED TO  
13 IMPLEMENT THEM, WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES SO WARRANT  
14 AND WITH DUE PRUDENCE: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE  
15 PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR SHALL,  
16 UNDER THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT SHALL  
17 HEREAFTER BE PROMULGATED, DETERMINE WHAT CASES  
18 MAY NOT BE MADE PUBLIC: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT ANY  
19 PUBLICITY ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR  
20 THE URBAN POOR SHALL BE BALANCED, FAIR AND TRUE;

21 11. ADMINISTER OATHS, ISSUE SUBPOENA AND SUBPOENA  
22 DUCES TECUM, AND TAKE THE TESTIMONIES OF WITNESSES  
23 IN THE COURSE OF ITS INVESTIGATION;

24 12. ADOPT ITS OWN OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES AND RULES OF  
25 PROCEDURES, AS WELL AS RULES AND REGULATIONS NOT  
26 OTHERWISE INCONSISTENT WITH EXISTING LAWS, RULES  
27 AND REGULATIONS, TO EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT ITS  
28 MANDATE; AND

29 13. PERFORM SUCH OTHER FUNCTIONS AS MAY HEREAFTER BE  
30 PROVIDED BY LAW. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE PRESIDENTIAL  
31 COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR SHALL DESIGNATE  
32 ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE.

33 e. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION. - ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUB-  
34 SECTIONS A, B, AND C HEREOF SHALL BE IMPOSED THE PENALTY

1 OF NOT MORE THAN SIX (6) YEARS OR IMPRISONMENT OR A FINE  
2 OF NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000)  
3 BUT NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS  
4 (P100,000), OR BOTH, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT:  
5 PROVIDED, THAT, IF THE OFFENDER IS A CORPORATION,  
6 PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, OR THE GOVERNMENT OR ANY OF  
7 ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INSTRUMENTALITIES OR  
8 AGENCIES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED  
9 CORPORATIONS, OR OTHER JURIDICAL ENTITIES, THE PENALTY  
10 SHALL BE IMPOSED ON THE OFFICER OR OFFICERS OF SAID  
11 CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, GOVERNMENT  
12 ENTITY, OR JURIDICAL ENTITY WHO CAUSED THE VIOLATION."

13 **SEC. 2.** Section 46 of Republic Act Numbered 7279 is also amended to read as  
14 follows:

15 "**Sec. 46. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act  
16 shall be included in the annual budget of implementing agencies in the General  
17 Appropriations Act [of the year following its enactment into law and every year thereafter].

18 **SEC. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within one hundred twenty (120)  
19 days from the effectivity of this Act, the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating  
20 Council, Department of the Interior and Local Government, and Presidential Commission for  
21 the Urban Poor shall, in consultation with non-government organizations, people's  
22 organizations, and the private sector, jointly promulgate the rules and regulations  
23 implementing the provisions of this Act.

24 **SEC. 4. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is declared  
25 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain  
26 in full force and effect.

27 **SEC. 5. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees,  
28 proclamations, rules, regulations, issuances, and enactments or parts thereof inconsistent with  
29 this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

30 **SEC. 6. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
31 in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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33 Approved,