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Introduced by Representative Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr.

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This bill was originally introduced as House Bill No. 3153 during the 14th Congress where it was approved by the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Senate. It was again re-filed during the 15th Congress as House Bill No. 604 where it was again approved by the Committee on National Cultural Communities and substituted by House Bill No. 3747, approved on 2nd reading, approved on 3rd reading and was transmitted to the Senate where it was not acted upon. It was again re-filed during the 16th Congress where it was approved by the Committee.

R.A. 8371, otherwise known as the Indigenous People Rights Act of 1997 (IPRA) was a landmark legislation intended to address the concerns of the cultural communities and indigenous people throughout the country.

While there are some constitutional and legal questions against certain provisions of said law, the IPRA remains in effect. Under Section 64 of IPRA, the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) is mandated to take appropriate actions to recover legal domains which were illegally acquired.

The NCIP is given two (2) years to perform such functions as provided for under Section 64 but the prescribed period has already expired on 22 November 1999.

This bill seeks to remedy this technical flaw in the law. Hence, it is hereby proposed that the NCIP be granted a new twenty (20) year period to perform the same task as provided under Sec. 64 of the Indigenous People Rights Act.


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AN ACT
EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOR INDIGENOUS CULTURAL
COMMUNITIES/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO
SECURE TITLE TO THEIR ANCESTRAL LANDS UNDER LAND REGISTRATION
ACT 496 AND GRANTING A NEW FIVE (5)-YEAR PERIOD TO THE NATIONAL
COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (NCIP) TO TAKE APPROPRIATE
LEGAL ACTION FOR THE CANCELLATION OF OFFICIALLY DOCUMENTED
TITLES WHICH WERE ILLEGALLY ACQUIRED, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTIONS 12 AND 64 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8371, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
"THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES RIGHTS ACT OF 1997"

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

SECTION 1. The option to secure a Certificate of Title under Commonwealth Act 141, as amended, or the Land Registration Act 496 as provided for under Section 12 of Republic Act No. 8371 is hereby extended for another twenty (20) years effective upon the expiration of the first period.

SEC. 2. The National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) is hereby granted a new five (5)-year period within which to take appropriate legal action for the cancellation of officially documented titles which were acquired illegally, as provided for under Section 64 of Republic Act No. 8371.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,