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House Bill No. 4241

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Introduced by Hon. Francis Gerald Aguinaldo Abaya

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Social justice is a fundamental principle enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution. The framers of the Constitution deemed it wise to include this principle in order to uphold human dignity - to recognize the rights of all persons irrespective of their economic and social status. At the core of the proposed measure is Article XIII, Section 10 of the Constitution which provides that the 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. It is notable here that it is equally important that the process of eviction must not only be compliant with the existing domestic laws but is also subject to standards of justice and humane behaviour.

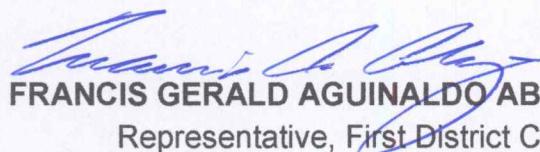
Further, it is also the State's obligation under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to refrain from forced evictions. General Comment No. 7 on Article 11 (1) of the Covenant of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights also discusses that in cases of what are considered as justified evictions, it should nevertheless be carried out in strict compliance with the relevant provisions of international human rights law and in accordance with general principles of reasonableness and proportionality.

In line with the said constitutional provision and state obligation of an international covenant, there is a need for the amendment of Republic Act No. 7279 or the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992. As it is currently worded, Section 28 of the said Act generally prohibits eviction as a practice except in three instances, namely, 1) when persons or entities occupied danger areas; 2) when government infrastructure projects are being implemented; and 3) when there is a court order for demolition. The proposed bill introduces amendments to widen the scope of implementation in order to affect more people, particularly informal settler families. The bill also provides for additional

mandatory requirements before the conduct of eviction in order to prevent violent and unjust evictions.

Another proposition of this bill is the conduct of a pre-demolition conference or PDC to ensure coordination among relevant government agencies as well as consultation with the affected families. With the additional safeguards and the inclusion of a consultative approach, the reduction of any form of aggression can be reduced, if not eliminated.

For the foregoing reasons, the approval 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 Congress assembled:

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

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

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

8       [(a)] 1. When persons or entities occupy a danger area[s such as esteros,  
9 railroad tracks, garbage dumps, riverbanks, shorelines, waterways, and  
10 other public places such as sidewalks, roads, parks, and playgrounds] OR  
11 HIGH RISK AREA WHICH POSES A HIGH LEVEL OF THREAT TO  
12 PUBLIC WELFARE AND SAFETY THAT CANNOT BE ADDRESSED  
13 THROUGH OR REMEDIED BY SCIENTIFIC, PHYSICAL, AND  
14 ENGINEERING METHODS AND, THEREBY, UNSUITABLE FOR  
15 SETTLEMENT AND PERMANENT STRUCTURES: PROVIDED, THAT AN  
16 AREA CAN ONLY BE DECLARED AS A DANGER AREA OR HIGH RISK  
17 AREA THROUGH AN APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL STUDY AND  
18 ADEQUATE PUBLIC CONSULTATION WITH THE AFFECTED PERSONS  
19 OR ENTITIES;

20       [(b)] 2. When government infrastructure projects with available funding are about  
21 to be implemented: PROVIDED, THAT THE AGENCY WHICH SEEKS TO  
22 IMPLEMENT THE EVICTION OR DEMOLITION SHALL ESTABLISH THE  
23 PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND THE BUDGET

PERTAINING TO IT UPON ITS APPLICATION TO THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR FOR AN EVICTION OR DEMOLITION CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE; [or] AND

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

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

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

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

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

[(2)] 3. Adequate consultations on the matter of resettlement with the duly designated representatives of the families to be resettled and the affected communities in the areas where they are to be relocated: PROVIDED, THAT A CONSULTATION IN THE FORM OF AN INTER-AGENCY PRE-EVICTION OR PRE-DEMOLITION CONFERENCE WITH THE AFFECTED UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS SHALL BE CONVENED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT AUTHORIZED TO EVICT OR DEMOLISH AND THE SAME SHALL BE COMPLIED WITH UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

i. THE LOCAL PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE PERSONNEL, WHOSE FUNCTION IS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CIVIL DISTURBANCE CONTROL BUT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PHYSICAL DISMANTLING OF ANY STRUCTURE, SHALL ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS AND THEIR ROLE SHALL BE CLEARLY SET FORTH;

ii. THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES SHALL BE REPRESENTED DURING THE INTERAGENCY PRE-EVICTION OR PRE-DEMOLITION CONFERENCE WITH THE AFFECTED UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS: THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND

1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL  
2 WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
3 EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND  
4 HIGHWAYS, THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE  
5 PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR, THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN  
7 RIGHTS, APPROPRIATE KEY SHELTER AGENCIES, AND THE  
8 BARANGAY CONCERNED;

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- 10 iii. THE INTER-AGENCY PRE-EViction OR PRE-DEMOLITION  
11 CONFERENCE WITH THE AFFECTED UNDERPRIVILEGED AND  
12 HOMELESS CITIZENS SHALL BE PRESIDED BY THE  
13 PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR, WHICH  
14 MAY CALL ON THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHER AGENCIES  
15 WHENEVER NECESSARY;
- 16 iv. THE DETAILS OF THE INTER-AGENCY PRE-EViction OR PRE-  
17 DEMOLITION CONFERENCE WITH THE AFFECTED  
18 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS SHALL BE  
19 DOCUMENTED OR RECORDED, AND A SUMMARY OF THE  
20 POINTS OF THE AGREEMENTS ARRIVED AT AS WELL AS THE  
21 DISAGREEMENTS THEREON SHALL FORM PART OF THE  
22 DOCUMENTATION, COPIES OF WHICH SHALL BE PROVIDED TO  
23 ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT; AND
- 24 v. THE INTER-AGENCY PRE-EViction OR PRE-DEMOLITION  
25 CONFERENCE WITH THE AFFECTED UNDERPRIVILEGED AND  
26 HOMELESS CITIZENS SHALL BE CONDUCTED NOT LATER  
27 THAN SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS PRIOR TO THE INTENDED  
28 DATE OF EVICTION OR DEMOLITION, AND IN NO CASE SHALL  
29 THE CONFERENCE BE HELD WITHIN THE SAME PRESCRIPTIVE  
30 PERIOD: PROVIDED, THAT A REQUEST FOR POLICE  
31 ASSISTANCE SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFICATION  
32 FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN  
33 POOR THAT AN INTER-AGENCY PREEVICTION OR PRE-  
34 DEMOLITION CONFERENCE WITH THE AFFECTED  
35 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS WAS  
CONDUCTED;
- 36 4. A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE SECURED FROM THE  
37 PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR PRIOR TO  
38 THE ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EVICTION OR  
39 DEMOLITION ACTIVITY;
- 40 5. SUBMISSION TO THE BARANGAY OFFICIALS OF THE FOLLOWING:  
41 i. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE;  
42 ii. NAMES OF ALL PERSONNEL, STAFF, AND CREW TAKING PART  
43 IN THE EVICTION OR DEMOLITION ACTIVITY, INCLUDING  
44 PRIVATE SECURITY, AND THE NAMES OF THE PHILIPPINE

- 1                   NATIONAL POLICE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO MAINTAIN LAW  
2                   AND ORDER;
- 3                   iii. NOTICE OF THE DATE OF DEMOLITION WHICH SHALL BE AT  
4                   LEAST FIVE (5) CALENDAR DAYS FROM SUCH NOTICE; AND  
5                   iv. LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE AGENCIES FORMING PART OF THE  
6                   INTERAGENCY BODY CONVENED TO EXTEND SUPPORT AND  
7                   ASSISTANCE;
- 8                   [(3)] 6. Presence of local government officials or their representatives during  
9                   eviction or demolition;
- 10                  [(4)] 7. Proper identification of all persons taking part in the demolition;
- 11                  [(5)] 8. Execution of eviction or demolition only during regular office hours from  
12                  Mondays to Fridays and during good weather, unless the affected families  
13                  consent otherwise;
- 14                  [(6)] 9. No use of heavy equipment for demolition except for structures that are  
15                  permanent and of concrete materials;
- 16                  [(7)] 10. Proper uniforms for members of the Philippine National Police who shall  
17                  occupy the first line of law enforcement and observe proper disturbance  
18                  control procedures;
- 19                  11. OBSERVANCE OF A MINIMUM STANDARD OF CONDUCT BASED ON  
20                  RULES OF ENGAGEMENT THAT APPLY MAXIMUM TOLERANCE IN  
21                  ORDER TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE OR THE  
22                  ESCALATION THEREOF;
- 23                  [(8)] 12. Adequate relocation, whether temporary or permanent; Provided, however,  
24                  That in cases of eviction and demolition pursuant to a court order involving  
25                  underprivileged and homeless citizens, relocation shall be undertaken by  
26                  the local government unit concerned and the National Housing Authority  
27                  with the assistance of other government agencies within forty-five (45) days  
28                  from service of notice of final judgment by the court, after which period the  
29                  said order shall be executed: Provided, further, That should relocation not  
30                  be possible within the said period, financial assistance in the amount  
31                  equivalent to the prevailing minimum daily wage multiplied by sixty (60)  
32                  days shall be extended to the affected families by the local government unit  
33                  concerned.

34                  OBSERVANCE OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE  
35                  MANDATORY IN ALL CASES INVOLVING THE EVICTION AND DEMOLITION  
36                  OF UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS, REGARDLESS OF  
37                  WHETHER OR NOT THEIR DWELLINGS OR RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES  
38                  WERE CONSTRUCTED AFTER THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT.

39                  [The Department of Interior and Local Government and the Housing and  
40                  Urban Development Coordinating Council shall jointly promulgate the necessary  
41                  rules and regulations to carry out the above provision.]

- 42                  c. PROHIBITION AGAINST EVICTION BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A  
43                  FENCE ENCLOSING A PROPERTY INHABITED BY  
44                  UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS WHICH IS RAZED

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

- 10 d. DESIGNATION OF A CENTRAL COORDINATING BODY FOR  
11 EVICTION AND DEMOLITION. THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION  
12 FOR THE URBAN POOR IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THE  
13 CENTRAL COORDINATING BODY FOR THE CONDUCT OF  
14 EVICTION AND DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES INVOLVING  
15 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS. IT SHALL  
16 EXERCISE THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND FUNCTIONS:
- 17 1. MONITOR ALL EVICTIONS AND DEMOLITIONS, WHETHER  
18 EXTRA-JUDICIAL OR COURT-ORDERED, INVOLVING  
19 UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS;
- 20 2. REQUIRE A GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
21 UNIT PROPOSING TO UNDERTAKE EVICTION OR DEMOLITION  
22 ACTIVITIES TO SECURE FIRST FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL  
23 COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR CENTRAL OFFICE, IN  
24 THE CASE OF NATIONAL PROJECTS, OR FROM ITS REGIONAL  
25 OFFICE, IN THE CASE OF LOCAL PROJECTS, THE CHECKLIST  
26 AND GUIDELINES FOR THE NATIONAL PROJECTS OR LOCAL  
27 PROJECTS, RESPECTIVELY, ON EVICTION OR DEMOLITION  
28 PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND,  
29 SUBSEQUENTLY, SUBMIT TO THE PRESIDENTIAL  
30 COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR THE COMPLETED  
31 CHECKLIST, ATTESTED TO UNDER OATH BY THE PROPONENT  
32 INDICATING THAT:
- 33 i. ADEQUATE CONSULTATION WITH THE AFFECTED  
34 FAMILIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN UNDERTAKEN;  
35 ii. ADEQUATE RESETLEMENT SITE AND RELOCATION  
36 FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE; AND  
37 iii. THE PRE-RELOCATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN  
38 COMPLIED WITH.
- 39 3. REVIEW THE BASIS FOR APPLICATION FOR THE CONDUCT OF  
40 EVICTION OF UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS  
41 OR THE DEMOLITION OF THEIR DWELLINGS IN A DANGER  
42 AREA OR HIGH RISK AREA, OR IN AN AREA WHERE A  
43 GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT WITH AVAILABLE  
44 FUNDING IS ABOUT TO BE IMPLEMENTED;

- 1           4. BASED ON THE COMPLETED CHECKLIST, SUBJECT TO  
2           FURTHER VERIFICATION, AND THE REVIEW OF THE BASIS  
3           FOR APPLICATION FOR EVICTION OR DEMOLITION IN THE  
4           PRECEDING SUB-PARAGRAPH, ISSUE A DEMOLITION AND  
5           EVICTION CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE TO THE ENDORSER  
6           OF A PROPOSED EVICTION OR DEMOLITION INVOLVING  
7           UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS;
- 8           5. INITIATE, IN COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT GOVERNMENT  
9           AGENCIES, RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IN THE  
10          IMPLEMENTATION OF EVICTION OR DEMOLITION BASED ON  
11          MAXIMUM TOLERANCE;
- 12          6. INVESTIGATE MOTU PROPRIO OR UPON COMPLAINT BY ANY  
13          PARTY, ANY VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF  
14          SUBSECTIONS A, B, AND C HERE OF OR THE RULES AND  
15          REGULATIONS ISSUED TO IMPLEMENT THEM;
- 16          7. FILE MOTU PROPRIO OR BY WAY OF ASSISTANCE TO ANY  
17          AGGRIEVED PARTY, THE APPROPRIATE CRIMINAL, CIVIL OR  
18          ADMINISTRATIVE CASE AGAINST ANY PERSON OR PERSONS  
19          FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED THE PROVISIONS OF  
20          SUBSECTIONS A, B, AND C HEREOF OR THE RULES AND  
21          REGULATIONS ISSUED TO IMPLEMENT THEM;
- 22          8. RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT APPROPRIATE MEASURES  
23          FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS  
24          SECTION AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ISSUED TO  
25          IMPLEMENT THEM, INCLUDING POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE  
26          SANCTIONS AGAINST NATIONAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
27          OFFICIALS WHO HAVE VIOLATED THE SAID LAW, RULES AND  
28          REGULATIONS;
- 29          9. REQUEST ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY FOR ASSISTANCE  
30          AND NECESSARY INFORMATION IN THE DISCHARGE OF  
31          THEIR RESPECTIVE FUNCTIONS UNDER THIS ACT;
- 32          10. PUBLICIZE MATIERS COVERED BY ITS INVESTIGATION OF  
33          VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS A, B, AND  
34          C HEREOF OR THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ISSUED TO  
35          IMPLEMENT THEM, WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES SO WARRANT  
36          AND WITH DUE PRUDENCE: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE  
37          PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR SHALL,  
38          UNDER THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT SHALL  
39          HEREAFTER BE PROMULGATED, DETERMINE WHAT CASES  
40          MAY NOT BE MADE PUBLIC: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT ANY  
41          PUBLICITY ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR  
42          THE URBAN POOR SHALL BE BALANCED, FAIR AND TRUE;
- 43          11. ADMINISTER OATHS, ISSUE SUBPOENA AND SUBPOENA  
44          DUCES TECUM, AND TAKE THE TESTIMONIES OF WITNESSES

IN THE COURSE OF ITS INVESTIGATION;

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

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

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION. - ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUB-SECTIONS A, B, AND C HEREOF SHALL BE IMPOSED THE PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN SIX (6) YEARS OR IMPRISONMENT OR A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000) BUT NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000), OR BOTH, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT: PROVIDED, THAT, IF THE OFFENDER IS A CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, OR THE GOVERNMENT OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INSTRUMENTALITIES OR AGENCIES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, OR OTHER JURIDICAL ENTITIES, THE PENAL TY SHALL BE IMPOSED ON THE OFFICER OR OFFICERS OF SAID CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, GOVERNMENT ENTITY, OR JURIDICAL ENTITY WHO CAUSED THE VIOLATION."

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

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

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

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

1           **SECTION 5. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, executive orders, presidential  
2 decrees, proclamations, rules, regulations, issuances, and enactments or parts  
3 thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.  
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5           **SECTION 6. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
6 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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8 Approved,