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H. No. 6686

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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 Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

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

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

4 "SEC. 37. *Support Services for the Agrarian*
5 *Reform Beneficiaries.* – The State shall adopt the
6 integrated policy of support services delivery to
7 agrarian reform beneficiaries. To this end, the DAR,
8 the Department of Finance, and the Bangko Sentral
9 ng Pilipinas (BSP) shall institute reforms to liberalize
10 access to credit by agrarian reform beneficiaries. The
11 PARC shall ensure that support services for agrarian
12 reform beneficiaries are provided, such as:

13 "(a) x x x;

14 "x x x;

15 "(e) x x x; [and]

16 "(f) x x x; AND

17 "(G) FULL INSURANCE COVERAGE TO ALL
18 QUALIFIED AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES AS
19 DEFINED IN SECTION 3(b) OF REPUBLIC ACT
20 NO. 10000, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'AGRI-AGRA
21 LAW', WHO ARE ACTUALLY TILLING THE LAND AND
22 CAPITALIZING ON CROPS AS CERTIFIED BY THE
23 DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR).

24 "COMPENSABLE LOSSES INCLUDE THOSE
25 RESULTING FROM NATURAL CALAMITIES SUCH AS
26 TYPHOON, FLOOD, DROUGHT, EARTHQUAKE, VOLCANIC
27 ERUPTION, FROST, AND OTHER DESTRUCTIVE NATURAL
28 PHENOMENA SUCH AS HEAT AND HOT WIND; PLANT

1 DISEASES CAUSED BY PATHOGENS, BACTERIA, FUNGI,
 2 VIRUSES, VIRUS-LIKE PATHOGENS, AND OTHER
 3 SIMILAR FOREIGN BODIES; PEST INFESTATIONS
 4 CAUSED BY NEMATODES, INSECTS, MITES AND SPIDERS,
 5 MILLIPEDES AND CENTIPEDES, SYMPHYLANS, SLUGS
 6 AND SNAILS, SOW BUGS AND PILLBUGS, PARASITIC
 7 HIGHER PLANTS, AND OTHER PARASITES, AND LOSS OF
 8 LIFE AND/OR INJURY TO THE QUALIFIED AGRARIAN
 9 REFORM BENEFICIARY DUE TO ACCIDENT OR ANY OF
 10 THE AFOREMENTIONED CAUSES.

11 "THE FOLLOWING CROPS ARE COVERED BY THIS
 12 SECTION: PALAY, CORN, SUGARCANE, HIGH-VALUE
 13 CROPS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 4(b) OF REPUBLIC ACT
 14 NO. 7900, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'HIGH-VALUE
 15 CROPS DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1995', COCONUT, AND
 16 TOBACCO; AQUACULTURE; LIVESTOCK; AND NON-CROP
 17 AGRICULTURAL ASSETS.

18 "x x x."

19 SEC. 2. *List of Qualified Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries and*
 20 *Leaseholders.* – The DAR, in coordination with the Land Bank of the
 21 Philippines, shall submit to the Department of Agriculture (DA)
 22 within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the complete
 23 list of qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries and leaseholders to be
 24 included in the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture
 25 (RSBSA), their respective locations and size of landholdings.

26 SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of the DAR shall
 27 immediately include in the Department's programs the needed
 28 operational requirement of this Act. The initial funding for the

1 DAR's identified agrarian reform beneficiaries shall be in the
 2 amount of one billion pesos (P1,000,000,000.00) from the funds
 3 allocated to the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) for
 4 the RSBSA, as provided by the General Appropriations Act.
 5 Thereafter, projections of the annual premium requirement shall be
 6 submitted by the DA-PCIC and the DAR to the President, and shall
 7 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act: *Provided,*
 8 That due to the insufficiency of the initial fund to cover all qualified
 9 ARBs and leaseholders, priority for coverage shall be allocated in
 10 the following manner: fifty percent (50%) to those newly installed
 11 and qualified ARBs with issued CLOAs or leasehold instruments, in
 12 descending chronological order; and the remaining fifty percent
 13 (50%) to those earliest installed and qualified ARBs with issued
 14 EPs/CLOAs or leasehold instruments, in ascending chronological
 15 order: *Provided further,* That additional qualified ARBs and
 16 leaseholders shall be covered yearly based on annual projections,
 17 and in the same manner as provided, until such time that all
 18 qualified ARBs and leaseholders are covered under this Act.

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

24 SEC. 5. *Congressional Oversight Committee.* – A
 25 Congressional Oversight Committee on Full Insurance Coverage to
 26 Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (COCFICARB) is hereby created to
 27 monitor the implementation of this Act.

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

5 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
6 days following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any
7 newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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