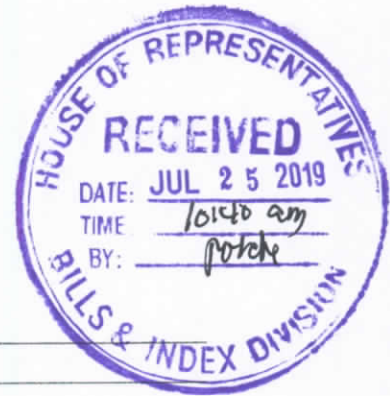


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House Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was originally introduced as House Bill No. 3153 during the 14<sup>th</sup> Congress where it was approved by the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Senate. It was again re-filed during the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, approved on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and was transmitted to the Senate where it was not acted upon. It was again re-filed during the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress where it was approved by the Committee. It was approved by the House of Representatives during the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress.

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 COMMONWEALTH ACT 141, AS AMENDED, OR THE LAND REGISTRATION ACT 496, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 12 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 mandated in Section 12 of Republic Act No. 8371 is hereby extended for another twenty (20) years effective upon the expiration of the first period on October 29, 2017..

**SEC. 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,