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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The government corporate sector is a potential source of non-tax revenues for the national government. Since the national government has substantial equity holdings in government- owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), it can require the GOCCs to share its net earnings by way of dividend declaration.

At present, government corporations are mandated by Executive Order No. 399 (singed on April 24, 1990) to declare at least ten percent (10%) of their respective net earnings each year as cash dividends to the national government. However, in 1992, out of the 21 GOCCs which were expected to remit cash dividends amounting to $\mathbb{P}1.35$ billion only ten government corporations actually paid dividends totalling to $\mathbb{P}1.01$ billion.

This bill seeks to increase the rate of cash dividends from ten percent (10%) to fifty percent (50%) of net earning of GOCCs. This measure will optimize GOCC contribution to the national coffers, thus, enhancing national government resources without unduly straining the tax system. Based on 1991 net earnings of GOCCs, the incremental revenue which may be generated from this bill amounts to P5.41 billion.

Furthermore, to effectively compel the GOCCs to remit the required amount of dividends, a penal clause is herein proposed.

The immediate passage of this bill is strongly recommended.

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Ninth Congress of the Republic}. of the Philippines } First Regular Session } SENATE S. NO. _/064 Introduced by Senators Herrera, Angara, Maceda, Romulo, Ople and Guingona, Jr. AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS TO DECLARE FIFTY PER CENTUM OF THEIR ANNUAL NET PROFIT AS CASH DIVIDENDS TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled Declaration of Policy. It is SECTION. 1. 1 hereby declared policy that the government must equitably 2 share in all earnings of government-owned or controlled З corporations without impairing the viability of these 4 entities and the purposes for which they have been 5 established. 6 Sec. 2. Definition of Terms. 7 "Government-owned or controlled 8 а. corporations" are corporations created by 9 law as agencies of the State for narrow 10 owned and limited purposes, either 11 wholly by the state or wherein the 12 Government is a majority stockholder, in 13 stock corporations, or of cases 14 otherwise, agencies so created where no 15 stocks are issued but whose affairs are 16 conducted by a duly constituted board 17 and which perform proprietary functions, 18 shall include all term this 19 including financial corporations, 20

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1	institutions, owned or controlled by the
2	Government performing government and/or
З	proprietary functions, but excluding
4	state universities and colleges;
5	b. "Government" means the National
6	Government.
7	c. "Financial institutions" refer to
8	the Central Bank of the Philippines, the
9	Development Bank of the Philippines, the
10	Philippine National Bank, the
11	Government Service Insurance System, the
12	Social Security System, the Land Bank
13	of the Philippines, the Philippine
14	Amanah Bank and other government
15	financial institutions.
16	Sec. 3. Cash Dividends All government-owned or
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controlled corporations shall declare fifty per centum (50%) 17 of their annual net earnings as cash dividends to the 18 19 Government; Provided, that cash dividends accruing to the Government shall be received by the National Treasury and 20 recorded as income of the General Fund, and Provided, 21 Further that this Section shall not apply to the Government 22 Service Insurance System and the Social Security System, 23 Provided Finally that this Section shall also apply to 24 government-owned or controlled corporations whose profit 25 distribution is provided for by their respective 26 charters or by special law. 27

28 Sec. 4. Rules and Regulations. -- The Secretary of 29 Finance, in coordination with the concerned government-owned

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or controlled corporation, shall formulate the necessary
 rules and regulations to effectively implement the
 provisions of this Act.

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5. Penal Sanctions. -- Any Manager. 4 Sec. 5 Administrator, employee or person, directly charged to comply with the provisions of this Act who willfully 6 violates any of the provisions of Act or any of the rules 7 and regulations implementing thereof shall, in addition to 8 other penalties provided by law, upon conviction thereof, be 9 fined of not less than 10% of the net profit of said 10 government-owned or controlled corporation and/or 11 imprisonment of not less than ten (10) years but not more 12 13 than twenty (20) years.

Sec. 6. Repealing Provision. -- Executive Order 399
dated April 24, 1990 is herein repealed and all other acts,
decrees, executive orders, letter of instruction, rules and
regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed
or amended accordingly.

19 Sec. 7. Effectivity. -- This Act shall take effect 20 fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official 21 Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of 22 general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,

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