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- AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM THAT IMPLEMENTS AN ON-SITE, IN-CITY OR NEAR-CITY STRATEGY FOR INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PEOPLE'S PLAN AND MANDATING THE RELOCATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT TO PROVIDE OTHER BASIC SERVICES AND LIVELIHOOD COMPONENTS IN FAVOR OF THE RECIPIENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, AS AMENDED, 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:

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Local
 Government Unit Led On-site, In-City or Near-City Resettlement Act".

SEC. 2. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 7279 is hereby amended to read 1 2 as follows: "SEC. 3. Definition of Terms. - For purposes of this 3 A Act: "x x x 5 6 "(w) x x x; [and] 7 "(x) 'Zonal Improvement Program or ZIP' refers to 8 the program of the National Housing Authority of upgrading 9 and improving blighted squatter areas within the cities and 10 municipalities of Metro Manila pursuant to existing statutes 11 and pertinent executive issuances[.]; 12 "(Y) 'ADEQUATE AND RESPONSIVE CONSULTATION' 13 REFERS TO THE STANDARD OF CONSULTATION WITH THE 14 AFFECTED INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES (ISFS) WHICH 15 SHALL REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING: 16 "(1) EFFECTIVE DISSEMINATION OF RELEVANT 17 INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS INCLUDING LAND RECORDS. 18 HOUSING BUDGETS, THE PROPOSED PLAN OR PROJECT, 19 ALTERNATIVE HOUSING OPTIONS, AND COMPREHENSIVE 20 RESETTLEMENT PLANS: 21 "(2) REASONABLE TIME FOR THE PUBLIC то 22 REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PLAN OR 23 PROJECT; 24 "(3) PROVISION BY THE GOVERNMENT OR 25 NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS OF LEGAL, TECHNICAL, 26 AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ADVICE TO AFFECTED PERSONS 27 ON THEIR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS; 28 "(4) PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT PROVIDE AFFECTED 29 ISFS AND THEIR ADVOCATES WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO

COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RESETTLEMENT ACTION PLAN OR PRESENT ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS AND TO ARTICULATE THEIR DEMANDS AND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES; AND

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29 30 "(5) MEDIATION, ARBITRATION, OR ADJUDICATION BY AN INDEPENDENT BODY VESTED WITH CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY SUCH AS A COURT OF LAW, AND AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE, IN CASE NO AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON THE PROPOSALS OF THE CONCERNED PARTIES:

Q "(Z) ' 'CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS' OR 'CSOS' 10 REFERS TO NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS). 11 PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS (POS). COOPERATIVES, TRADE 12 UNIONS, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, MEDIA GROUPS, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' 13 14 MOVEMENTS, FOUNDATIONS AND OTHER CITIZENS' GROUPS 15 FORMED PRIMARILY FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC 16 DEVELOPMENT TO PLAN AND MONITOR GOVERNMENT 17 PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS, ENGAGE IN POLICY DISCUSSIONS. 18 AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE TN COLLABORATIVE 19 **ACTIVITIES WITH THE GOVERNMENT:** 

20"(AA) 'IN-CITY RESETTLEMENT' REFERS TO A21RELOCATION SITE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF A LOCAL22GOVERNMENT UNIT WHERE THE AFFECTED ISFs ARE23LIVING;

"(BB) 'INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS' REFERS TO:

25 "(1) RESIDENTIAL AREAS WHERE HOUSING UNITS
26 HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED BY SETTLERS ON LAND WHICH
27 THEY OCCUPY ILLEGALLY; OR

"(2) UNPLANNED SETTLEMENTS AND AREAS WHERE HOUSING IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING PLANNING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS;

"(CC) 'INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES' OR 'ISFS' REFERS TO FAMILIES LIVING IN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS AS DEFINED IN THIS ACT;

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"(DD) 'KEY SHELTER AGENCIES' OR 'KSAS' REFERS TO THE GOVERNMENT HOUSING AGENCIES DESIGNATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 90, SERIES OF 1986, TO BE UNDER THE COORDINATIVE SUPERVISION OF THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL, NAMELY: NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY, NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION, HOUSING AND LAND USE REGULATORY BOARD, HOME GUARANTY CORPORATION, AND HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, INCLUDING THE SOCIAL HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION WHICH WAS CREATED BY VIRTUE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 272, SERIES OF 2004;

16"(EE) 'NEAR-CITY RESETTLEMENT' REFERS TO A17RELOCATION SITE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF A LOCAL18GOVERNMENT UNIT, CLOSER TO THE ORIGINAL LOCATION19OF THE AFFECTED ISFS, WITH MINIMAL TRANSPORTATION20COST BASED ON THEIR INCOME PROFILE AND ADJACENT TO21THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT THAT HAS JURISDICTION22OVER THEIR PRESENT SETTLEMENTS;

23 "(FF) 'NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION' OR 'NGO' REFERS TO A DULY REGISTERED NONSTOCK, 24 25 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION FOCUSING ON THE UPLIFTMENT 26 OF THE BASIC OR DISADVANTAGED SECTORS OF SOCIETY, 27 AS DEFINED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8425 OR THE 28 'SOCIAL REFORM AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION ACT'. 29 BY PROVIDING ADVOCACY, TRAINING, COMMUNITY 30 ORGANIZING, RESEARCH, ACCESS TO RESOURCES, AND

1 OTHER SIMILAR ACTIVITIES, AND ORGANIZED AND 2 OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SCIENTIFIC, RESEARCH, EDUCATIONAL, CHARACTER-BUILDING AND YOUTH AND 3 SPORTS DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, SOCIAL WELFARE, 4 CULTURAL OR CHARITABLE PURPOSES, OR A COMBINATION 5 THEREOF, AND WHOSE NET INCOME DOES NOT INURE, 6 7 WHETHER PARTLY OR AS A WHOLE, TO THE BENEFIT OF ANY PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL, PURSUANT TO SECTION 8 9 34(H)(2)(C)(1) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, AS AMENDED, 10 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'TAX REFORM ACT OF 1997';

"(GG) 'OFF-CITY RESETTLEMENT' REFERS TO A
 RELOCATION SITE DEVELOPED OUTSIDE AND NOT ADJACENT
 TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT WHERE THE AFFECTED
 ISFs are residing;

15 "(HH) 'PEOPLE'S PLAN' REFERS TO THE PLAN 16 FORMULATED BY THE BENEFICIARY-ASSOCIATION, IN 17 COORDINATION WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR WITH OR WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF 18 19 CSOS, WHICH SHALL CONTAIN A SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 20 THAT CONFORMS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN 21 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT UNDER WHOSE 22 JURISDICTION THE PROJECT SITE IS PROPOSED TO BE 23 LOCATED, INCLUDING COMMUNITY HEALTH, SANITATION, 24 AND SECURITY PLANS, AS WELL AS NON-PHYSICAL 25 DEVELOPMENT COMPONENTS SUCH AS SELF-HELP HOUSING 26 COOPERATIVE, LIVELIHOOD, SELF-HELP DEVELOPMENT, CAPABILITY BUILDING, AND A SYSTEM OF ALLOCATION OF 27 28 SOCIALIZED HOUSING UNITS THAT PROMOTE AND PROTECT 29 THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY, PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, 30 AND CHILDREN; AND

"(II) 'SOCIAL PREPARATION' REFERS TO THE 1 2 PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING SOCIAL, ORGANIZATIONAL, AND 3 INSTITUTIONAL NORMS AND MECHANISMS. SUCH NORMS AND MECHANISMS WILL: (1) ENABLE THE BENEFICIARIES 4 5 TO COPE WITH CHANGES; AND (2) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CONCERNED INSTITUTIONS AND STAKEHOLDERS. 6 7 ENCOURAGE THE BENEFICIARIES NOT ONLY TO WORK 8 AMONG THEMSELVES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DRAWING UP 9 AND UNDERTAKING THEIR HOUSING PROJECT PROPOSALS, 10 BUT ALSO TO ACTIVELY AND MEANINGFULLY PARTICIPATE 11 IN HOUSING PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN ON THEIR BEHALF, 12 THUS RESOLVING COLLECTIVE ACTION PROBLEMS AMONG COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND COORDINATION PROBLEMS 13 14 WITH GOVERNMENT AND OTHER ENTITIES."

SEC. 3. Section 22 of Republic Act No. 7279 is hereby amended to
 read as follows:

Livelihood Component. - To the extent 17 "SEC. 22. 18 feasible, socialized housing and resettlement projects shall be 19 located near areas where employment opportunities are accessible. The government agencies dealing with the 20 PROVISION OF SKILLS AND LIVELIHOOD TRAINING, 21 development of livelihood programs, and grant of livelihood 22 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR 23 loans, NAMELY: AND EMPLOYMENT, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND 24 25 DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS 26 27 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND PHILIPPINE TRADE AND 28 TRAINING CENTER shall give priority to the beneficiaries of the Program." 29

SEC. 4. Section 23 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as
 follows:

3 "SEC. 23. Participation of **PROGRAM** Beneficiaries, 4 FORMATION OF **BENEFICIARY-ASSOCIATION.** 5 MAINSTREAMING SOCIAL PREPARATION, AND FORMULATION 6 AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PEOPLE'S PLAN. - The local 7 government units, in coordination with the Presidential 8 Commission for the Urban Poor and concerned government 9 agencies, shall afford Program beneficiaries or their duly designated representatives an opportunity to be heard and to 10 11 participate in the decision-making process over matters 12 involving the protection and promotion of their legitimate 13 collective interests which shall include appropriate documentation and feedback mechanisms. They shall also be 14 15 encouraged to organize themselves and undertake self-help 16 cooperative housing and other livelihood activities.] INTO AN 17 ASSOCIATION FOR ACCREDITATION AS BENEFICIARIES OR 18 AWARDEES OF OWNERSHIP RIGHTS UNDER THE 19 RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM, COMMUNITY MORTGAGE 20 PROGRAM, LAND TENURE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND 21 OTHER SIMILAR PROGRAMS IN RELATION TO A SOCIALIZED 22 HOUSING PROJECT ACTUALLY BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE 23 NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OR BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT 24 UNITS. They shall assist the Government in preventing the 25 incursions of professional squatters and members of squatting 26 syndicates into their communities.

27 "In instances when the affected beneficiaries have
28 failed to organize themselves or form an [alliance]
29 ASSOCIATION within a reasonable period prior to the

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ne antipato de la construcción de Construcción de la construcción de l implementation of the program or projects affecting them, consultation between the implementing agency and the affected beneficiaries shall be conducted with the assistance of the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor and the concerned nongovernment organization UNTIL AN ASSOCIATION IS FORMED IN PLACE.

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7 "THE ASSOCIATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
8 PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR, SHALL,
9 WITH OR WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF CSOS, FORMULATE A
10 'PEOPLE'S PLAN' AS HEREIN DESCRIBED.

11 "THE ASSOCIATION, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF CSOS 12 AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INCLUDING THE NATIONAL ANTI-POVERTY COMMISSION, PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION 13 14 FOR THE URBAN POOR, NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY. 15 CITY OR MUNICIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT 16 OFFICE, SOCIAL HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, LOCAL 17 GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES OF 18 GOVERNMENT, SHALL AGREE ON, DEVELOP, AND 19 IMPLEMENT THE PEOPLE'S PLAN.

20 "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROTECTION GUIDELINES PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 28 OF THIS ACT, A 21 22 RELOCATION ACTION PLAN SHALL BE AN INDISPENSABLE 23 COMPONENT OF THE PEOPLE'S PLAN. THE RELOCATION 24 ACTION PLAN SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING 25 **OBJECTIVES:** 

26 "(A) ENSURE SAFE, AFFORDABLE, DECENT, AND
27 HUMANE CONDITION OF RELOCATION, INCORPORATING
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1 MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION 2 STANDARDS: 3 "(B) PROVIDE ADEQUATE SOCIAL PREPARATION; 4 AND 5 "(C) PREVENT FORCED EVICTION: PROVIDED. 6 THAT PRIMARY CONSIDERATION SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE 7 HOUSING FINANCIAL SCHEME SUGGESTED IN THE PEOPLE'S 8 PLAN." 9 SEC. 5. Section 26 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as 10 follows: 11 "SEC. 26. Urban Renewal and Resettlement 12 This] URBAN RENEWAL AND RESETTLEMENT shall include 13 the rehabilitation and development of blighted and slum areas 14 and the resettlement of Program beneficiaries in accordance 15 with the provisions of this Act. On-site development shall be implemented [whenever possible] AFTER ADEQUATE AND 16 17 RESPONSIVE CONSULTATION WITH THE AFFECTED ISFS, AND 18 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PEOPLE'S PLAN FORMULATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 23 OF THIS ACT, in order to ensure 19 20 minimum movement of occupants of blighted lands and slum areas. [The] WHERE DEMOLITION OR EVICTION IS ALLOWED 21 22 IN THE AREA OCCUPIED BY THE PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES 23 PURSUANT TO SECTION 28 OF THIS ACT, AND ON-SITE 24 RESETTLEMENT CANNOT BE UNDERTAKEN BY REASON 25 THEREOF, THE IN-CITY resettlement of the beneficiaries of the 26 Program from their existing places of occupancy shall be 27 undertaken only [when on-site development is not feasible 28 and] after compliance with the procedures AS ALSO laid down

1 in Section 28 of this Act AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2. PREFERENCE OF THE AFFECTED ISFS AS CONTAINED IN THE PEOPLE'S PLAN. 3 "SHOULD IN-CITY RESETTLEMENT NOT BE FEASIBLE, 4 5 NEAR-CITY RESETTLEMENT SHALL BE CONSIDERED. OFF-CITY RESETTLEMENT SHALL ONLY BE RESORTED TO 6 7 WHEN DIRECTLY REQUESTED BY THE AFFECTED ISFS 8 THEMSELVES, AND MUST SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF 9 ADEQUATE AND RESPONSIVE CONSULTATION PRIOR TO 10 **RELOCATION."** SEC. 6. Section 29 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as 11 12 follows: 13 "SEC. 29. Resettlement. THE LOCAL 14 GOVERNMENT UNITS SHALL. RF CHARGED WITH 15 THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING 16 RESETTLEMENT OF AFFECTED ISFS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE 17 LOCALITIES, IN COORDINATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE 18 KEY SHELTER AGENCIES. Within two (2) years from the effectivity of this Act, the local government units, in 19 20 coordination with the National Housing Authority] 21 APPROPRIATE KEY SHELTER AGENCIES, shall implement the relocation and resettlement of [persons] ISFs living in danger 22 23 arcas such as esteros, railroad tracks, garbage dumps, 24 riverbanks, shorelines, waterways, and in other public places 25 such as sidewalks, roads, parks, and playgrounds. The local 26 government unit, in coordination with the [National Housing 27 Authority] APPROPRIATE KEY SHELTER AGENCIES, shall 28 provide relocation or resettlement sites with basic services and

facilities and access to employment and livelihood opportunities sufficient to meet the basic needs of the affected families. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT MAY PURCHASE LANDS OUTSIDE ITS JURISDICTION.

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"WHERE THE LAND OCCUPIED BY THE ISFS IS PRIVATELY-OWNED, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT SHALL, IN COORDINATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE KEY SHELTER AGENCIES, NEGOTIATE WITH THE OWNER FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE OCCUPIED PROPERTY. SHOULD NEGOTIATION FAIL, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT MAY RESORT TO EXPROPRIATION.

12 "IN INSTANCES WHEN THE RELOCATION OR 13 RESETTLEMENT SITE IS LOCATED IN ANOTHER LOCAL 14 GOVERNMENT UNIT, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT THAT 15 IMPLEMENTS THE RELOCATION OR RESETTLEMENT AND THE 16 CONCERNED NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SHALL, 17 THROUGH A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, PROVIDE THE 18 OTHER BASIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES ENUMERATED 19 UNDER SECTION 21 OF THIS ACT, INCLUDING A LIVELIHOOD 20 COMPONENT FOR THE BENEFICIARIES BEING RELOCATED, 21 TO THE RECIPIENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT WHERE THE 22 **RELOCATION OR RESETTLEMENT SITE IS LOCATED.** 

23 "THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT 24 COORDINATING COUNCIL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF 25 FINANCE - BUREAU OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE 26 SHALL FORMULATE THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND 27 REGULATIONS ON COST-SHARING MECHANISM THE 28 NECESSARY TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE PROVISION OF SUCH 29 OTHER BASIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

1 "IN ADDITION TO THE FUNDING SOURCES PROVIDED 2 UNDER SECTION 42 OF THIS ACT, THE ALLOCATION FOR THE 3 BASIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES MAY BE TAKEN BY THE 4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT IMPLEMENTING THE 5 RELOCATION OR RESETTLEMENT FROM THE TWENTY 6 PERCENT (20%) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT 7 APPROPRIATED FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AS 8 MANDATED UNDER SECTION 287 OF REPUBLIC ACT 9 No. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL 10 **GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991'."** 

SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The principles,
 policies and provisions of this Act shall be incorporated in the National Shelter
 Program.

14 The Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council and the 15 Department of the Interior and Local Government, in consultation and 16 coordination with appropriate government agencies, CSOs, NGOs, 17 representatives from the private sector, and ISFs, shall promulgate a new set of 18 implementing rules and regulations within sixty (60) days from the effectivity 19 of this Act. The implementing rules and regulations shall be consistent with 20 the provisions of this Act, particularly with the amendments, parameters, and 21 standards introduced to Sections 22, 23, 26, and 29 of the "Urban 22 Development and Housing Act of 1992", and shall include the following:

(a) A People's Plan template to guide ISFs in the development of
their own People's Plan: *Provided*, That such template shall be a complete
pro forma People's Plan: *Provided*, *however*, That such a template shall be
used to benchmark the minimum standards in a People's Plan; and

(b) A guide to effective implementation of the People's Plan,
including details on the necessity of the issuance of internal memoranda by
concerned agencies.

The implementing rules and regulations issued pursuant to this section shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in two (2) national 2 3 newspapers of general circulation.

4 SEC. 8. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof 5 6 which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, 7 amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 9. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason, any part, section or 8 9 provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining 10 provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

11 SEC. 10. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days 12 after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general 13 circulation.

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