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GAITE, VERGARA, SAVELLANO, NIETO, VILLARICA, TIANGCO  
AND ROMUALDEZ (F.M.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 275

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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:

4 "Sec. 14. Section 37 of Republic Act No. 6657,  
5 as amended, is hereby further amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 "SEC. 37. *Support Services for the Agrarian*  
8 *Reform Beneficiaries.* - The State shall adopt the

1 integrated policy of support services delivery to  
2 agrarian reform beneficiaries. To this end, the DAR,  
3 the Department of Finance, and the Bangko Sentral  
4 ng Pilipinas (BSP) shall institute reforms to liberalize  
5 access to credit by agrarian reform beneficiaries. The  
6 PARC shall ensure that support services for agrarian  
7 reform beneficiaries are provided, such as:

8 "(a) x x x;

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

10 "(f) x x x[.]; AND

11 "(G) FULL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
12 COMPENSABLE LOSSES TO ALL QUALIFIED AGRARIAN  
13 REFORM BENEFICIARIES (ARB<sub>s</sub>) AS DEFINED IN  
14 SECTION 3(B) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10000,  
15 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE AGRI-AGRA REFORM  
16 CREDIT ACT OF 2009', WHO ARE ACTUALLY TILLING  
17 THE LAND AND HAVE MADE INVESTMENTS IN GROWING  
18 CROPS OR STOCKS IN FISHERIES FARMS, PRODUCTION  
19 INPUTS, AND OTHER FARMING IMPLEMENTS, AND  
20 OTHER NON-CROP AGRICULTURAL ASSETS NECESSARY  
21 IN THE ACTUAL CULTIVATION, HARVESTING, STORAGE  
22 AND HOUSING OF SUCH CROPS, CROP OR STOCK IN  
23 FISHERIES FARMS, OR LIVESTOCK AS CERTIFIED BY  
24 THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR).  
25 THE DAR SHALL PROVIDE THE PROCEDURES FOR  
26 SUCH REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION OF ACTUAL  
27 BENEFICIARIES AND FARMING INVESTMENTS AND  
28 PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY SUCH BENEFICIARIES.

29 "COMPENSABLE LOSSES INCLUDE THOSE  
30 RESULTING FROM NATURAL CALAMITIES SUCH AS

1 TYPHOON, FLOOD, DROUGHT, EARTHQUAKE,  
2 VOLCANIC ERUPTION, FROST, AND OTHER  
3 DESTRUCTIVE NATURAL PHENOMENA SUCH AS HEAT  
4 AND HOT WIND; PLANT DISEASES CAUSED BY  
5 PATHOGENS, BACTERIA, FUNGI, VIRUSES, VIRUS-LIKE  
6 PATHOGENS, AND OTHER SIMILAR FOREIGN BODIES;  
7 PEST INFESTATIONS CAUSED BY NEMATODES,  
8 INSECTS, MITES AND SPIDERS, MILLIPEDES AND  
9 CENTIPEDES, SYMPHYLANS, SLUGS AND SNAILS, SOW  
10 BUGS AND PILLBUGS, PARASITIC HIGHER PLANTS, AND  
11 OTHER PARASITES, AND LOSS OF LIFE AND/OR INJURY  
12 TO THE QUALIFIED AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARY  
13 DUE TO ACCIDENT OR ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED  
14 CAUSES.

15 "THE FOLLOWING CROPS AND OTHER FARMING  
16 AND FISHERY PRODUCE ARE COVERED BY THIS  
17 SECTION: PALAY, CORN, SUGARCANE, HIGH-VALUE  
18 CROPS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 4(B) OF REPUBLIC  
19 ACT NO. 7900, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'HIGH-  
20 VALUE CROPS DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1995',  
21 COCONUT, TOBACCO, CROP OR STOCK IN FISHERIES  
22 FARMS, AND LIVESTOCK, NON-CROP AGRICULTURAL  
23 ASSETS USED IN ACTUAL FARMING AND REPORTED TO  
24 AND CERTIFIED BY THE DAR ARE LIKEWISE  
25 COVERABLE BY INSURANCE AS MANDATED HEREIN.

26 "x x x."

27 *SEC. 2. List of Qualified Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries and*  
28 *Leaseholders.* - The DAR, in coordination with the Land Bank of  
29 the Philippines, shall submit to the Department of Agriculture (DA)  
30 within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the complete

1 list of qualified ARBs and leaseholders to be included in the  
2 Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA), their  
3 respective locations and size of landholdings.

4       **SEC. 3. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of the DA and the  
5 Secretary of the DAR shall immediately include in their  
6 Departments' programs the needed operational requirement of this  
7 Act, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the  
8 current appropriations of the Philippine Crop Insurance  
9 Corporation (PCIC) for the RSBSA. Thereafter, projections of the  
10 annual premium requirement shall be submitted by the DA-PCIC  
11 and the DAR to the President, and shall be included in the annual  
12 General Appropriations Act: *Provided*, That due to the insufficiency  
13 of the initial fund to cover all qualified ARBs and leaseholders,  
14 priority for coverage shall be allocated in the following manner:  
15 fifty percent (50%) to those newly installed and qualified ARBs with  
16 issued certificate of land ownership awards (CLOAs) or leasehold  
17 instruments, in descending chronological order; and the remaining  
18 fifty percent (50%) to those earliest installed and qualified ARBs  
19 with issued emancipation patents (EPs)/CLOAs or leasehold  
20 instruments, in ascending chronological order: *Provided, further*,  
21 That additional qualified ARBs and leaseholders shall be covered  
22 yearly based on annual projections, and in the same manner as  
23 provided, until such time that all qualified ARBs and leaseholders  
24 are covered under this Act.

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

1           **SEC. 5. *Congressional Oversight Committee.*** – A Congressional  
2 Oversight Committee for the Full Insurance Coverage of Agrarian  
3 Reform Beneficiaries (COFCICARB) is hereby created to monitor  
4 the implementation of this Act. It shall be composed of the  
5 Chairpersons of the Committees on Agrarian Reform of both Houses  
6 of Congress, and three (3) Members of the House of Representatives,  
7 and three (3) Members of the Senate of the Philippines, to be  
8 designated respectively by the Speaker of the House of  
9 Representatives and the President of the Senate of the Philippines.

10           **SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, acts, decrees,  
11 executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations or parts  
12 thereof which are contrary to and inconsistent with this Act are  
13 hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

14           **SEC. 7. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)  
15 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of  
16 general circulation.

Approved,

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