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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2365

Introduced by Representative Manuel Luis T. Lopez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On January 31, 1986, Executive Order ("EO") No. 1086, series of 1986 was issued, entitled "Fixing the Boundaries of the Reclaimed Area of the Vitas in the Tondo Foreshore and Transferring to the National Housing Authority ("NHA") the Title and the Administration of said Area". The EO transfers the ownership of the Vitas Tondo Foreshore land to the NHA for the area to be developed into a port-oriented commercial/industrial, which shall be undertaken in coordination with the Philippine Ports Authority. It further grants authority to the NHA to dispose of the area either by sale or lease to qualified proponents, the proceeds of which shall be used to recover investments in the development of the residential areas in the Tondo Foreshore and Dagat-Dagatan Development Project.

However, the Vitas property was instead used as a site for temporary housing by the NHA for families from the Smokey Mountain dumpsite until qualified families were transferred to the permanent housing of the SMDRP. Further, the SMDRP has been deemed a failure due to disagreements between the parties involved. To this day, the SMDRP has not been able to provide permanent housing for the affected families from Smokey Mountain.

Given the temporary nature of the housing provided in the Vitas property, the structures therein have deteriorated. Having been found dangerous and ruinous, several orders and notices have been issued by the City of Manila for their condemnation and demolition. However, due to the failure of the SMDRP, the families currently located in the Vitas property have nowhere to go.

Thus, this Bill seeks to amend the abovementioned EOs and have the NHA use the Vitas property as its permanent housing site for the affected families from Smokey Mountain.

In view of the foregoing, this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1086, SERIES OF 1986, ENTITLED "FIXING THE
BOUNDARIES OF THE RECLAIMED AREA OF THE VITAS IN THE TONDO FORESHORE
AND TRANSFERRING TO THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY THE TITLE AND
THE ADMINISTRATION OF SAID AREA" AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.
221, SERIES OF 2000

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines
in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 1086, series of 1986, as amended by
Executive Order No. 221, series of 2002, shall be amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. For the purposes herein provided, the ownership of the Vitas
Tondo Foreshore land of the public domain situated in the District of
Tondo, City of Manila, Metro Manila, with an area of Four Hundred Forty
Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Eight (440,268) square meters, particularly
described herein below shall remain with the National Housing Authority
and its administration is transferred back to the National Housing
Authority provided that the said area shall be rehabilitated and developed
into a permanent housing site, with a view of minimizing displacement of
dwellers in said areas, pursuant to the Urban Development and Housing
Act of 1992 and other related laws."

SECTION 2. Section 2 of Executive Order No. 1086, series of 1986, as amended by
Executive Order No. 221, series of 2002, shall be amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. The Bureau of Lands, Ministry of Natural Resources and the
National Land Titles and Deeds Administration shall take immediate steps
to issue the title of the above described land and those to be reclaimed in
the name of the National Housing Authority, which is authorized to
rehabilitate and develop the area and use the same as the permanent
housing site for the resettlement of the affected families and persons
currently residing within the same, and/or who were intended to benefit
from the Smokey Mountain Development and Reclamation Project."

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. - All laws, ordinances, executive orders, administrative orders, rules, regulations, decrees, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby revoked, repealed, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue in operation and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation or the Official Gazette.

Approved,