COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 275

Submitted by the Committee on Agrarian Reform and Committee on Appropriations on MAR 0 5 2020

Re: House Bill No. 6505

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1045 and 345.


Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Agrarian Reform and the Committee on Appropriations to which were referred House Bill No. 1045 introduced by Rep. Kristine Singson-Meehan, entitled:

"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."

and

House Bill No. 3451 authored by Rep. Vilma Santos-Recto entitled:

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF A FULL CROP INSURANCE COVERAGE TO QUALIFIED 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."

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 6505 entitled:

"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"

Respectfully submitted:

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THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6505

(Substitute Bill to House Bills Numbered 1045 and 3451)


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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SEC. 1. Section 14 of Republic Act No. 9700, otherwise known as the “Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program Extension with Reforms”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

“SEC. 37. Support Services for the Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries. — The State shall adopt the integrated policy of support services delivery to agrarian reform beneficiaries. To this end, the DAR, the Department of Finance, and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) shall institute reforms to liberalize access to credit by agrarian reform beneficiaries. The PARC
shall ensure that support services for agrarian reform beneficiaries are provided, such as:

“(a) Xxx xxx xxx;

xxx xxx xxx;

(f) Xxx xxx xxx; AND

(G) FULL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR COMPENSABLE LOSSES TO ALL QUALIFIED AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(b) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10000, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘AGRI-AGRA LAW’, WHO ARE ACTUALLY TILLING THE LAND AND HAVE MADE INVESTMENTS IN GROWING CROPS OR STOCKS IN FISHERIES FARMS, PRODUCTION INPUTS, AND OTHER FARMING IMPLEMENTS, AND OTHER NON-CROP AGRICULTURAL ASSETS NECESSARY IN THE ACTUAL CULTIVATION, HARVESTING, STORAGE AND HOUSING OF SUCH CROPS, CROP OR STOCK IN FISHERIES FARMS, OR LIVESTOCK AS CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR). THE DAR SHALL PROVIDE THE PROCEDURES FOR SUCH REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION OF ACTUAL BENEFICIARIES AND FARMING INVESTMENTS AND PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY SUCH BENEFICIARIES.

COMPENSABLE LOSSES INCLUDE THOSE RESULTING FROM NATURAL CALAMITIES SUCH AS TYPHOON, FLOOD, DROUGHT, EARTHQUAKE, VOLCANIC ERUPTION, FROST, AND OTHER DESTRUCTIVE NATURAL PHENOMENA SUCH AS HEAT AND HOT WIND; PLANT DISEASES CAUSED BY PATHOGENS, BACTERIA, FUNGI, VIRUSES, VIRUS-LIKE PATHOGENS, AND OTHER SIMILAR FOREIGN BODIES; PEST INFESTATIONS CAUSED BY NEMATODES, INSECTS, MITES AND SPIDERS, MILLIPEDES AND CENTIPEDES, SYMPHYLANS, SLUGS AND SNAILS, SOW BUGS AND PILLBUGS, PARASITIC HIGHER PLANTS, AND OTHER PARASITES, AND LOSS OF LIFE AND/OR INJURY TO THE QUALIFIED AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARY DUE TO ACCIDENT OR ANY OF THE FOREMENTIONED CAUSES.”

THE FOLLOWING CROPS AND OTHER FARMING AND FISHERY PRODUCE ARE COVERED BY THIS SECTION: PALAY, CORN, SUGARCANE, HIGH-VALUE CROPS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 4(b) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7900, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘HIGH-VALUE CROPS DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1995’, COCONUT, TOBACCO, CROP OR STOCK IN FISHERIES FARMS, AND
LIVESTOCK, NON-CROP AGRICULTURAL ASSETS USED IN ACTUAL
FARMING AND REPORTED TO AND CERTIFIED BY THE DAR ARE
LIKewise COVERABLE BY INSURANCE AS MANDATED HEREIN.”

“Xxx xxx xxx.”

SEC. 2. List of Qualified Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries and Leaseholders. - The
DAR, in coordination with the Landbank of the Philippines, shall submit to the
Department of Agriculture (DA) within thirty (30) days from the effectiveness of this Act, the
complete list of qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries and leaseholders to be included in
the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA), their respective locations
and size of landholdings.

SEC. 3. Appropriations. – The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and the
Secretary of the Department of Agrarian Reform shall immediately include in their
Departments’ programs the needed operational requirement of this Act, the initial
funding of which shall be charged against the current appropriations of the Philippine
Crop Insurance Corporation for the RSBSA. Thereafter, projections of the annual
premium requirement shall be submitted by the DA-PCIC and the DAR to the President,
and shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act; Provided, that due to
the insufficiency of the initial fund to cover all qualified ARBs and leaseholders, priority
for coverage shall be allocated in the following manner: fifty percent (50%) to those
newly installed and qualified ARBs with issued CLOAs or leasehold instruments, in
descending chronological order; and the remaining fifty percent (50%) to those earliest
installed and qualified ARBs with issued EPs/CLOAs or leasehold instruments, in
ascending chronological order; Provided further, that additional qualified ARBs and
leaseholders shall be covered yearly based on annual projections, and in the same
manner as provided, until such time that all qualified ARBs and leaseholders are
covered under this Act.

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

SEC. 5. Congressional Oversight Committee. – A Congressional Oversight
Committee for the Full Insurance Coverage of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries
(COCIFICARB) is hereby created to monitor the implementation of this Act. It shall be
composed of the Chairpersons of the Committee on Agrarian Reform of both Houses of
Congress, and three (3) Members of the House of Representatives, and three (3)
Members of the Senate of the Philippines, to be designated respectively by the Speaker
of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate of the Philippines.
SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. – All laws, acts, decrees, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to and inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,
Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 6505

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Introduced by: Representatives Kristine Singson-Meehan and Vilma Santos Recto
Committee Referral: Committee on Agrarian Reform and Committee on Appropriations
Committee Chairpersons: Reps. Solomon R. Chungalao and Isidro T. Ungab

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide immediate financial assistance to affected Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs) in the event of natural calamities in order to make losses more bearable.
- To mitigate the effects of natural calamities by providing full insurance coverage to qualified farmers.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Provides an additional form of support service in the form of full insurance coverage to all qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries as defined in the Agri-Agra Law, who are actually tilling the land and capitalizing on crops as certified by the Department of Agrarian Reform.
- Covers compensable losses which include those resulting from natural calamities such as typhoon, flood, drought, earthquake and volcanic eruption, plant diseases caused by pathogens, bacteria, fungi, viruses, virus like pathogens and other similar foreign bodies and pest infestations caused by nematodes, insects, mites and spiders, millipedes and centipedes, symphyllans, slugs and snails, sow bugs and pillbugs, parasitic higher plants and other parasites, and loss of life and/or injury to the qualified agrarian reform beneficiary due to accident or any of the aforementioned causes.
- Also covers crops such as palay, corn, sugarcane, high value crops, coconut and tabacco; aquaculture, livestock and non-crop agricultural assets
- Provides that the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and the Secretary of the DAR shall include in their departments' programs the needed operational requirement of this Act. Mandates that the initial funding shall be charged against the current appropriations of the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) for the RSBSA. Thereafter, projections of annual premium requirement
shall be submitted by the PCIC, the DA and the DAR to the President, and shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

- States that the necessary IRR shall be provided by the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council (PARC), the DAR, the DA and the PCIC.

**RELATED LAWS:**

- R.A. 9700, CARPER
- R.A. 6657, CARL of 1988
- PD 1467 Creation of the Crop Insurance Corporation
- RA 8175 further amending PD 1467