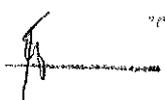


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

R.A. 8371, otherwise known as the Indigenous People Rights Act of 1997 (IPRA) was a landmark legislation intended to address the concerns of the cultural communities and indigenous people throughout the country.

While there are some constitutional and legal questions against certain provisions of said law, the IPRA remains in effect. Under Section 64 of IPRA, the National Commission of Indigenous People (NCIP) is mandated to take appropriate actions to recover legal domains which were illegally acquired.

The NCIP is given two (2) years to perform such functions as provided for under Section 64 but the prescribed period has already expired on 22 November 1999.

This bill seeks to remedy this technical flaw in the law. Hence, it is hereby proposed that the NCIP be granted a new ten (10) year period to perform the same task as provided under Sec. 64 of the Indigenous People Rights Act.


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