

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9207, May 17, 2003 ]**

**AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CENTER SITE OPEN FOR DISPOSITION TO *BONA FIDE* RESIDENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR COMMUNITY FACILITIES, CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS PURPOSES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE PROCLAMATION NO. 1826 OF 1979 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*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 "National Government Center (NGC) Housing and Land Utilization Act of 2003."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — It is hereby declared the policy of the State to secure the land tenure of the urban poor. Toward this end, lands located in the NGC, Quezon City shall be utilized for housing, socioeconomic, civic, educational, religious, and other purposes.

SEC. 3. *Disposition of Certain Portions of the National Government Center Site to Bona Fide Residents.* — Proclamation No. 1826, Series of 1979, is hereby amended by excluding from the coverage thereof, 184 hectares on the west side and 238 hectares on the east side of Commonwealth Avenue, and declaring the same open for disposition to *bona fide* residents therein: *Provided*, That the determination of the *bona fide* residents on the west side shall be based on the census survey conducted in 1994 and the determination of *bona fide* residents on the east side shall be based on the census survey conducted in 2000: *Provided, further*, That all existing legal agreements, programs and plans signed, drawn up or implemented and actions taken, consistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby adopted.

SEC. 4. *Disposition of Certain Portions of the National Government Center Site for Local Government or Community Facilities, Socioeconomic, Charitable, Educational and Religious Purposes.* — Certain portions of land within the aforesaid area for local government or community facilities, socioeconomic, charitable, educational and religious institutions are hereby reserved for disposition for such purposes: *Provided*, That only those institutions already operating and with existing facilities or structures, or those occupying the land may avail of the disposition program established under the provisions of this Act: *Provided, further*, That in ascertaining the specific areas that may be disposed of in favor of these institutions, the existing site allocation shall be used as basis therefore: *Provided, finally*, That in determining the reasonable lot allocation of such institutions without specific lot allocations, the land area that may be allocated to them shall be based on the area actually used by said institutions at the time of effectivity of this Act.