

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3516, May 22, 1963 ]**

**AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED ELEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-TWO, ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXPROPRIATION OF LANDED ESTATES OR HACIENDAS OR LANDS WHICH FORMERLY FORMED PART THEREOF OR ANY PIECE OF LAND IN THE CITY OF MANILA, QUEZON CITY AND SUBURBS, THEIR SUBDIVISION INTO SMALL LOTS, AND THE SALE OF SUCH LOTS AT COST OR THEIR LEASE ON REASONABLE TERMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."**

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

SECTION 1. Section one of Republic Act Numbered Eleven hundred and sixty-two, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The expropriation of landed estates or haciendas, or lands which formerly formed part thereof, or any piece of land in the City of Manila, Quezon City and suburbs, which have been and are actually being leased to tenants for at least ten years, is hereby authorized: *Provided*, That such lands shall have at least forty families of tenants thereon."

SEC. 2. Section five of the same Act as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. From the approval of this Act, and even before commencement of the expropriation herein provided, ejectment proceedings against any tenant or occupant of any landed estates or haciendas or lands herein authorized to be expropriated, shall be suspended for a period of two years, upon motion of the defendant, if he pays his current rentals, and such suspension shall continue upon the filing of expropriation proceedings until the final determination of the latter: *Provided, however*, That if any tenant or occupant is in arrears in the payment of rentals or any amount due in favor of the owners of said landed estates or haciendas or lands, the amount legally due shall be liquidated either in cash or by surety bond, and shall be payable in eighteen equal monthly installments from the time of liquidation, but this payment of rentals in arrears shall not be a condition precedent to the suspension of ejectment proceedings: *Provided, further*, That the rentals being collected from the tenants of the landed estates or haciendas or lands herein authorized to be expropriated, shall not be increased above the amounts of rentals being charged as of December thirty-one, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, except in cases where there are existing rental contracts for a fixed period which expired on said date, in which case the court shall fix a reasonable rental not exceeding eight *per centum* of the assessed value on December thirty-one, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, but, in any