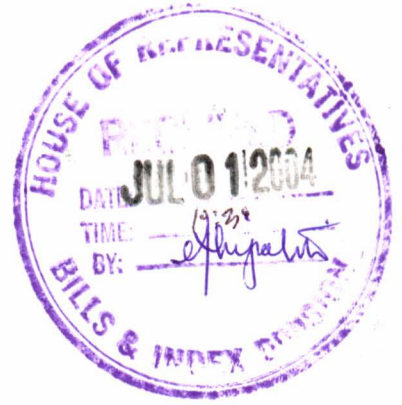


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Agriculture which involves production is a priority program of the government and should be maximized to sustain the needs of the population. The includes poultry and piggery which are almost established in remote barangays.

Under existing laws, rules and regulations, poultry and piggery business require environmental clearance certificate (ECC) is issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The requirements for the issuance of ECC are rigid and is submitted for evaluation and a approved by the Central Office in Metro Manila.

It might be emphasized that poultry or piggery is not hazardous as cement factory and related industries.

There are instance where an applicant for ECC has to wait for almost two (2) years, spending about 20% of his capital before an ECC is approved. This incident could have been avoided had the authority to issue the ECC been vested in the municipal government.

In view of the foregoing, the accompanying bill seeks to grant municipal governments, which have immediate access to the place where a poultry or piggery is to be established and operated, the exclusive authority to issue environmental clearance certificate under such terms and conditions provided by an ordinance enacted in accordance with the provisions of existing laws.

Hence, approval of the bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

TO GRANT MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT THE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY TO
ISSUE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC) FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A POULTRY OR PIGGERY BUSINESS.

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

SECTION 1. In order to maximize food production to sustain the needs of the
population, growth of which outpace food supply, municipal governments shall be
granted exclusive authority to issue environmental clearance (ECC) for the establishment
and operation of a poultry or piggery business, the capital investment of which shall not
exceed One Million Pesos (Php 1,000,000.00).

SECTION 2. Any provisions of laws, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith
are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,