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**HOUSE BILL NO. 3149**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Many studies point out that women in the developing world are only peripherally engaged in agricultural labor. Much of women's agricultural labor is overlooked because of the strong bias or hiring male farm laborers not only because they are stronger but mainly because the machines for agricultural production have been designed primarily for the men. As observed, most developmental programs especially the new technological innovations in agriculture, always fail to include the economic importance of women, thus, resulting to development of machines that only favor the males.

In the Philippines, the introduction of modern farming technologies have only resulted to the further marginalization and displacement of our rural women because most of their traditional activities have been taken over by men. As a result, the women's outlook and attitude towards the community have been restricted, their contributions to productivity is diminished and their domestication further reinforced. So while mechanization has shortened the men's working days in the farm, the women's workload has increased since they have to plant and transplant manually on a bigger cultivated area, perform all other manual task and are still expected to do the household chores. As a result of this, many desperate rural women leave for urban areas dreaming of a better life only to be drawn into deeper poverty as they are out a living from informal economic activities.

The purpose of this bill is to encourage the development of machines and other technologies that would encourage the productivity of rural women and discourage urban migration. As proposed, the bill grant a package of incentives from the financial grant to develop the model, tax-free and importation of materials needed and exemption from payment of taxes, duties, fees, and imports on machines to be mass produced. To ensure the mass productions of the machines, the inventors thereof are also given the privilege to avail of a collateral-free loan from the government banks.

With the passage of this bill, it is hope that urban migration will be halted and women will be given equal opportunity with men to participate actively in rural development.

Early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MACHINES  
AND TECHNOLOGY THAT WILL IMPROVE THE PRODUCTIVITY  
OF RURAL WOMEN WORKERS**

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

**SECTION 1.** Any person who shall develop machines and technology that will improve the productivity and rural women workers shall be entitled to the following incentives:

1. Financial grant from the Department of Science and Technology for the fabrication of the model.
2. Exemption from all the forms of taxes, duties, fees or imports that may be imposed on the machines and other technological inventions and/or the parts necessary, for their completion.
3. Availment from government banks of collateral free loans for mass productions of the machines and other technological inventions.

**SECTION 2.** The person concerned shall register with all Department of Science and Technology his/her invention to avail of the benefits under Act.

**SECTION 3.** Nothing in this Act shall be constructed as to diminish the privileges or incentives granted to inventors under existing laws.

**SECTION 4.** The Department of Science and Technology shall issue rules and regulations as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SECTION 5.** All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 6.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.