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EXPLANATORY NOTE

To contribute to the overall improvement of the agricultural economy, the State must facilitate the implementation of incentives to jumpstart the production of farmers and fishermen, in a country with a growing population.

While the agricultural sector abounds with incentives under the aegis of the Agricultural and Fisheries Modernization Act (AFMA), an additional incentive is deemed necessary to supplement existing ones, to make the Philippine agricultural economy more resilient and adaptable to the vagaries of the global economy.

This bill proposes to grant two pesos (Php 2.00.00) discount privileges for every liter of petroleum products sold to qualified farmers and fishermen. This will greatly reduce the overhead expenses in agricultural and marine production, as well as improve its quality. Consequently, quality agricultural and marine products will be available in bulk to the general public in the markets at reasonable prices. With this in place, the perennial issue of poverty besetting the marginalized sector of the population will be substantially addressed.

Support for the enactment of this measure is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT GRANTING ALL QUALIFIED FARMERS AND FISHERMEN DISCOUNT
ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It shall be the policy of the State to provide a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income and wealth by providing farmers and fishermen discount privileges to lower the cost of goods and services produced by the agricultural sector and expand productivity.

SEC. 2. *Definition of Farmer/Fisherman.* – Farmer refers to a natural person, organizations and other juridical entities engaged in cultivating, planting, marketing and distributing crops, vegetables, fruits and other agricultural products, including livestock raisers, whose subsistence depends on farming as the primary source of income.

Fisherman refers to a person who is engaged in raising, catching, taking or gathering of fish or aquatic products for profit.

SEC. 3. *Discount on Petroleum Products.* – Qualified farmers and fishermen shall be entitled to two pesos (Php 2.00.00) discount for every liter of petroleum products purchased. *Provided, That,* such petroleum products are used for the cultivation of crops, planting of fruit trees and similar agricultural products, raising of livestock, marketing and distribution of produce to retailers and end-user or the production of fish and other marine products.

SEC. 4. *Beneficiaries.* – The beneficiaries of this Act are farmers and fishermen whose annual income does not exceed two hundred thousand pesos (Php 200,000.00).

SEC. 5. *Duty of City or Municipal Agriculturist.* – The city or municipal agriculturist shall prepare an updated list of legitimate beneficiaries. He shall issue valid identification cards to qualified beneficiaries, which shall be used in purchasing petroleum products with corresponding discounts.

SEC. 6. *Local Government.* – It shall be the responsibility of the local chief executive to ensure that the provisions of this Act are fully implemented.

SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees or executive issuances and any rules and regulations or any part thereof which may be inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,