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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6186



Introduced by Honorable Roger Gaviola Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Publishing is one of the instruments of freedom of expression that is being protected by the constitution. Promoting the business of publishing could therefore mean promoting freedom. The inclusion of "publishing" as part of those covered by R.A. No. 9178 will benefit those struggling publication entities so they could maintain their business and is a way of promoting the publication business.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION THREE (3a) OF REPUBLIC ACT 9178 TO INCLUDE
PUBLISHING AS PART OF THOSE CONSIDERED AS BARANGAY MICRO
BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (BMBEs)

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 3 sub-paragraph (a) of Republic Act No. 9178 is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:

3 “(a) Barangay Micro Business Enterprise, hereinafter referred to as BMBE, refers
4 to any business entity or enterprise engaged in the production, processing or
5 manufacturing of products or commodities, including agro-processing, trading and
6 services, whose total assets including those arising from loans but exclusive of the land
7 on which the particular business entity’s office, plant and equipment are situated, shall
8 not be more than Three Million Pesos (P3,000,000). PUBLISHING OF NEWS OR
9 SIMILAR BUSINESS OF THE SAME ASSETS ARE ALSO CONSIDERED AS BMBE.
10 The above definition shall be subjected to review and upward adjustment by the SMED
11 Council, as mandated under Republic Act No. 6977, as amended by Republic Act No.
12 8289.”
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1 **SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws or parts of any law, orders, rules, and
2 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended
3 accordingly.

4 **SECTION 3. *Effectivity Clause.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
5 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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7 Approved,
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