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First District of Northern Samar

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The trade of meat from dead or diseased animals has become prevalent in the country especially in Metro Manila. This practice has jeopardized both consumers and producers, by endangering health and disturbing market stability. Despite the serious consequences however of the trade and the consumption of these types of animals, penalties under RA No. 9296 or the Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines are insufficient. In order to protect therefore the consuming public and the legitimate producers, this measure which was previously filed by Senator Pangilinan in the 15th Congress, is being refiled today. The passage of this bill is earnestly sought now in the 16th Congress.


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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9296 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE
MEAT INSPECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES", PRESCRIBING
PENALTIES OF IMPRISONMENT AND FINES FOR VIOLATIONS
THEREOF AND AMENDING CHAPTER XIV THEREOF FOR THE
PURPOSE

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

SECTION 1. A new section is hereby inserted after Section Fifty Eight Chapter XIV of Republic Act No. 9296 otherwise known as "The Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines", to be denominated as Section Fifty Eight-A, which shall read as follows:

"Section 58-A. PENALTIES. ANY PERSON, ASSOCIATION, PARTNERSHIP OR CORPORATION WHO SHALL VIOLATE ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, AND 54, CHAPTER XII OF THIS ACT, SHALL UPON CONVICTION, BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000.00) OR AN IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) YEARS AND ONE (1) DAY BUT NOT MORE THAN TWELVE (12) YEARS OR BOTH UPON THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.

IF THE VIOLATOR IS A CORPORATION, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, OR ASSOCIATION, THE PENALTY SHALL BE IMPOSED UPON THE PRESIDENT, THE MANAGER, OR ANY OFFICER THEREOF WHO KNOWS OR OUGHT TO HAVE KNOWN THE COMMISSION OF THE OFFENSE. IN CASE THE GUILTY

OFFICER IS A FOREIGNER, HE SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY DEPORTED AFTER SERVICE OF SENTENCE."

SEC 2. Another section is hereby inserted after Section Fifty Eight Chapter XIV of Republic Act No. 9296, to be dominated as Section Fifty Eight-B, which shall read as follows:

"SECTION 58-B. LIABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS. THE LIABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS TASKED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT, WHO BY THEMSELVES OR IN CONSPIRACY WITH OTHERS, VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER XII UNDER THIS ACT, SHALL BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO LIABILITIES UNDER OTHER PENAL LAWS."

SEC 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,