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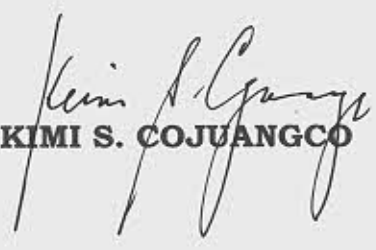
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Milk nutritional deficiencies have affected the most vulnerable population, particularly young children resulting in adverse physical, mental and social consequences to the future generation;

The Philippine dairy industry needs to be further assisted and developed with priority emphasis on the increased production of local fresh milk and the local marketing thereof to ensure an adequate supply of local fresh milk at affordable prices, improve livelihood opportunities and conserve foreign exchange.

This bill aims to promote the health of our future generation and to provide a favorable policy environment towards national self-sufficiency in milk, and in particular, fresh milk.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
MANDATING MILK FEEDING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as "Compulsory Milk Feeding of Children Act of 2013."

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the declared policy of the State to strive for national self-sufficiency in milk as a vital feature in the attainment of a self-reliant and independent Philippine economy in the provision of proper nutrition and to provide incentives to those undertaking these activities. It is also the policy of the State to improve the health and standard of living of the people.

SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* - For purposes of this Act, the following terms or phrases used herein shall mean or be understood as follows:

1. School Children - kindergarten to grades 6 students in public schools;
2. Milk - locally produced fresh milk;

3. Fresh Milk - pasteurized fresh milk with limited shelf life (usually seven to ten days) and requiring refrigeration. The term "Fresh" is exclusively reserved for "Pasteurized Fresh Milk" as define herein;
4. Pasteurized Fresh Milk - milk which have undergone a heat treatment process used for milk pasteurization. The range of temperatures for the pasteurization process shall be between seventy two (72) to seventy five (75) degrees centigrade. Then promptly cooled to 10°C (50°F) or lower.

SECTION 4. *Implementing Agency.* The milk feeding program shall be implemented by the Municipality and supervised by the Department of Social Welfare and Development with the assistance of the National Dairy Authority.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulation* - The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act and full attainment of the program goals within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act.

In the formulation of the rules and regulations, the DSWD shall coordinate with the Department of Education, the Department of Interior and Local Government and the National Dairy Authority.

SECTION 6. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year of its enactment into law. Thereafter, the expenses for its continued implementation shall be included in the subsequent General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* - If any part of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts or provisions hereof shall remain valid and effective.

SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,