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Introduced by Representative Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr. and
Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez

House Bill No. **3102**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 20, Article II of the Constitution states that the State recognizes the indispensable role of the private sector, encourages private enterprise, and provides incentives to needed investments.

Swine production in the Philippines consists of 70 percent backyard-raising and 30 percent in commercial operations. Unfortunately, hog raisers are now buying animal feeds such as corn and soya at increasing prices. Soya supply has run scarce, forcing its prices up, after the United States and the European Union decided to develop it for biofuel. Feeds account for 65-70 percent of the industry's cost, which has gone up to P80 a kilo from P69 early this year. Further, hog raisers could not cope with the expenses of renovating the pens, building sprinkling systems, and improving the ventilation to prevent heat stroke and diseases among the hogs caused by the intense heat.

Hog raisers are torn between two painful options: halting swine production, which could further lead to higher prices, or increasing prices outright, which could force households to consume less pork.

Given the problems in the hog-raising industry, the government should come in. The government must intervene by providing good breeds and cheaper and more readily available corn feeds. Or it can come up with alternative feeds. Countries such as China, the US and parts of the EU are subsidizing hog raisers there to increase production. But in the Philippines, hog raisers are imposed high taxes and strictly regulated by several government agencies.

This bill seeks to impose zero tariff on feed ingredients and farm equipment used by local hog raisers.

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

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MAXIMO B. RODRIGUEZ, JR.

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IMPOSING ZERO TARIFF ON FARM INPUTS USED BY LOCAL HOG
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Section 1. Declaration of Policy. – It is the declared policy of the state to sustain hog production in the country.

Section 2. Zero Tariff on Farm Inputs used by Local Hog Raisers. – All farm inputs, such as, but not limited to, farm ingredients and farm equipment, used by local hog raisers shall not be subjected to any tariff.

Section 3. Separability Clause. – Should any provision of this Act or any part thereof be declared invalid, the other provisions, so far as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Repealing Clause. – All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,