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HOUSE BILL NO. **4587**



Introduced by Honorable Michael L. Romero and Enrico A. Pineda

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the Republic of the Philippines it is hereby declared a policy of the State to promote and upgrade the practice of agricultural engineering profession in the Philippines by instituting measures that will result in relevant agricultural engineering education and better career prospects for professional agricultural engineers.

An agricultural engineer is a natural person who has been issued a certificate of registration by the Board of Agricultural Engineering and has taken the oath of profession of agricultural engineers.

This House Bill seeks to guarantee the delivery of basic and technical services to accelerate agricultural modernization through adequate and well trained professional agricultural engineers throughout the country.

Earnest approval of this bill is hereby requested.



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AN ACT

**AMENDING SECTION 32 OF R.A. NO.8559 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE " Philippine Agricultural Engineering Act of 1998 ", INCREASING
ITS PENALTIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy

Section 32 of Republic Act No. 8559 is hereby amended to read:

Section 32. Penalties. - In addition to the administrative sanctions imposed under this Act, any person who violates any of the provisions of this Act shall, upon conviction, be penalized by a fine not less than One hundred fifty thousand pesos **(P150,000.00)** but not more than Three hundred

thousand pesos (**P300,000.00**), or imprisonment of not less than one **(1)** year but not more than **(3)** years, or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 2. Miscellaneous Provisions:

In addition, the Department of Agriculture (DA) shall impose the following penalties, after determining, in an administrative proceeding, that violation of this law has been committed:

- a.** withdrawal of the authorization for any integration, registration and practice; and
- b.** Blacklisting, or automatic disapproval of any pending or subsequent applications that they may filed with the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) and DA.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. If, for any reason or reasons, any portion or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,