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HOUSE BILL NO. **4593**

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The state shall guarantee the delivery of basic and technical services to accelerate agricultural modernization through adequate and well trained professional agricultural engineers throughout the country.

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 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

Earnest approval of this bill is hereby requested.



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AN ACT

PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE " Philippine Agricultural Engineering Act of 1998 " (R.A. NO.8559), TO GUARANTEE THE DELIVERY OF BASIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy - The Department of Agriculture (DA) shall hereby provide an additional Fifty million pesos (**₱50,000,000.00**) 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. The Department is hereby authorized to re-align its appropriations, in the current year of the date of the effectivity of this Act to conform with its mandate and requirements.

SECTION 2. Funding – the amount of Fifty million pesos (**P50,000,000.00**) as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law.

SECTION 3. Periodic Reports - The Committee shall submit periodic reports on its findings and make recommendations on actions to be taken by Congress and Senate and the appropriate department, and in order to carry out the objectives and mandates of this Act, an additional amount of Fifty million pesos (**P50,000,000.00**) is hereby appropriated.

SECTION 4. Automatic Review - Every three **(3) years** after the effectivity of this Act, an independent review panel composed of experts to be appointed by the President shall review the policies and programs in the Philippine Agricultural Engineering Act of 1998 and shall make recommendations, based on its findings, to the President and to both Houses of Congress.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended,*repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. 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 7. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,