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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is quite disheartening how the public are at the mercy of fast food stores and restaurants when it comes to the beverage they are made to order. Unfortunately, the people are offered beverage options that have little or no nutritional value. Others even do the opposite, i.e., harm the body.

It is high time fast food chains served beverage with genuine nutritional value. People should have the option to order a drink that truly nourishes the body. There is now in existence in the market a range of quality beverage products that does the body good. Such products are sourced from naturally occurring plants or fruits that have health-giving properties. With the same amount of physical preparation, healthy beverage products can also be had at fast food chains and restaurants.

This proposed measure envisions a day upon which people would be given the latitude for their beverage for their health's sake. Hence, fast food chains and restaurants should be mandated to offer as beverage options at least one with genuine nutritional value.

The immediate passage of this bill is most earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF AT LEAST ONE (1) HEALTHY BEVERAGE OPTION
AMONG FAST FOOD CHAINS AND RESTAURANTS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the 'Healthy Beverage Option Act.'

SEC. 2. All fast food chains and restaurants are hereby mandated to include in their beverage menu at least one (1) healthy beverage, which is so certified by the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA).

SEC. 3. Any person, natural or juridical, found guilty of violating the provisions of this Act shall pay a fine of not less than Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) and/or imprisonment for a period of one (1) year.

SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,