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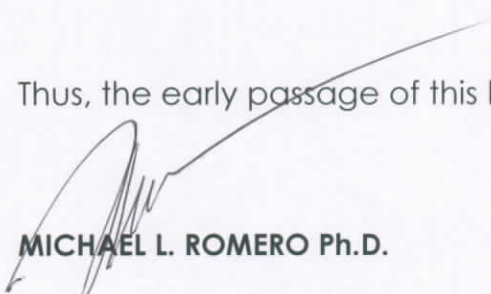
EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the Republic of the Philippines, thru **Executive Order NO.23** series of 2017, in section3, 805,200 Metric Tons of Minimum Access Volume (**MAV**) commitments on rice shall remain in force and in effect.

Thru this the national government will dramatically improve our local production towards self-sufficiency. This is a very vital move to address agricultural slavery under the World Trade Organization (**WTO**)

This House Bill seeks to foster the **continuity** and **expansion** of our social development programs for the extremely poverty stricken Filipinos.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT

CREATING THE **MONTHLY RICE SUBSIDY PROGRAM** FOR THE
TWELVE (12) MILLION EXTREME POVERTY STRICKEN FILIPINOS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby a declared policy of the state to provide social development schemes thru the national government that shall provide conditional grants to extremely poor households to improve their health and nutrition.

- a. It shall hereby be a policy of the state to create a **Monthly Rice Subsidy Program** for the twelve (12) million extremely poverty stricken Filipinos.
- b. It shall hereby be a policy of the state to promote poverty alleviation schemes in a successive and progressive manner.

SECTION 2. TRANSITORY PROVISION – Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS – The departments and agencies charged, to be lead by the Department of Social Welfare and Development **(DSWD)** in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture **(DA)** in carrying out the provisions of this Act, shall within sixty **(60)** days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,