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HOUSE BILL NO. **7034**

Introduced by **Representative JOEL MAYO Z. ALMARIO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill requires all food establishments nationwide to include half cup of cooked rice as an option in their menus to achieve a fourfold goal of reducing food wastage, establishing rice production self-sufficiency, lessening consumer expense, and promoting health and balanced eating.

Primary in the list of goals is preventing wastage in rice consumption in order to realize rice production autonomy by our local farmers. According to the Department of Agriculture's Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), each Filipino wastes an average of two (2) tablespoons of cooked rice each day. This is equivalent to twelve (12%) percent of the country's annual rice imports, costing the country roughly 7.2 billion pesos annually - an amount that can feed 2.5 million Filipinos for an entire year. From this data, it can be concluded that the current trend in rice consumption where there is excessive rice leftover runs counter to the numerous government programs aiming to achieve rice production self-sufficiency.

Second, this bill allows consumers to lessen their expenses by giving them an option to order half a cup of rice instead of the usual one whole cup when ordering from restaurants, cafeterias, diners, eateries and the like. By giving consumers an option to order less rice, the cost of each meal is also lowered.

Lastly, the bill promotes health awareness by giving the consumers an option of decreasing their rice intake. It provides customers who are trying to limit their rice consumption the choice to order only the amount of rice they can actually consume, effectively discouraging over-eating.

It is hoped that with the passage of this bill, all the abovementioned goals will be achieved.

Support for this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT MANDATING ALL COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS SERVING FOOD TO THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE ONE-HALF CUP OF RICE SERVING AS A MENU OPTION, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF SUCH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE** – This Act shall be known as the “Half-Cup Rice Act
2 of 2018.”
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4 **SECTION 2. MANDATE** – It is hereby mandated that all commercial
5 establishments serving food to the public include an option to order a half cup or one
6 hundred (100 g) grams of cooked rice serving option in their menus.
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8 **SECTION 3. PENALTIES** – Any business establishment found violating this Act
9 shall be fined Five Thousand Pesos (PhP5,000.00) for the first offense; Ten Thousand
10 Pesos (PhP 10,000.00) for the second offense; and Fifteen Thousand Pesos (PhP
11 15,000.00) and suspension of license or permit to operate for a period not less than
12 thirty (30) days for the third and subsequent offenses.
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14 **SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS** – The Department
15 of Trade and Industry shall, within ninety (90) days from the promulgation of this Act,
16 formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the proper implementation of this
17 Act.
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19 **SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** – Should any provision or part hereof be
20 held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act not otherwise affected shall
21 remain valid and subsisting.
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23 **SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE** – All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules
24 and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified
25 accordingly.
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27 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
28 after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
29 circulation, whichever comes earlier.
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31 *Approved.*

