

HOUSE BILL No. **7237**



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Introduced by Representative HON. MANUEL F. ZUBIRI

**AN ACT MANDATING A CLASS ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES IN PUBLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy* – It is the State's policy to promote
2 industrialization and full employment based on sound agricultural development and agrarian
3 reform, through industries that make full and efficient use of human and natural resources,
4 and which are competitive in both domestic and foreign markets. It is also the State's policy
5 to establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of
6 education relevant to the needs of the people and society.

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8 SECTION. 2. *Agricultural Classes in Public Elementary Schools* – Pursuant to the
9 above policy, there shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of
10 Education and in coordination with the Department of Agriculture, classes on agriculture for
11 all students who will enroll in all public elementary schools in the Philippines.

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13 SECTION 3. *Objectives*. – Classes on agriculture shall aim to develop an interest
14 and to develop maximum basic competencies for elementary students in public schools to
15 prepare them for possible careers in the agricultural sector and to make them valuable
16 assets to the community and the nation in the future.

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18 SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*. - The Department of Education
19 (DepEd), in consultation with the Department of Agriculture (DA), within ninety (90) days
20 from the effectivity of this Act, shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the
21 effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.

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23 SECTION 5. *Appropriations*. – The funds necessary to carry out the provision of this
24 Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment
25 into law and thereafter.

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27 SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause*. - All laws, parts of laws, decrees, presidential
28 issuances, proclamations, orders, ordinances, and administrative regulations in conflict with
29 the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

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31 SECTION 7. *Effectivity*. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
32 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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