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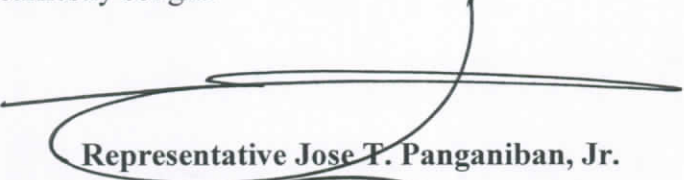
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Trust Fund Act, recently approved in the Bicameral Conference Committee, provides guidelines on the management and utilization of the Coconut Levy Funds. It provides that the Fund shall be managed by the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) under a reconstituted Governing Board.

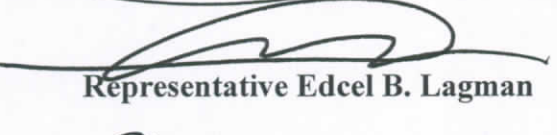
To effectively implement the Law, the Bicameral Conference Committee resolved that a reconstituted PCA Board will further strengthen PCA's financial, technical and administrative capability.

The immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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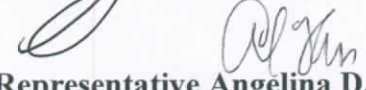

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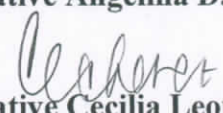

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AN ACT
RECONSTITUTING THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE PHILIPPINE
COCONUT AUTHORITY (PCA)

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

SECTION 1. The composition of the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) Board is hereby amended and the same shall now be composed of the following:

- a) Four (4) representatives of the government:
 - 1. The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Chairperson (DA);
 - 2. Administrator of PCA, Vice-Chairperson;
 - 3. The Secretary of the Department of Finance (DOF);
 - 4. The Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);
- b) Six (6) Representatives from the coconut farmers sector, divided into two (2) representatives each for the island groupings of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao;
- c) One (1) Representative from the coconut industry sector.

Provided, that the six (6) representatives from the coconut farmers sector must be Filipino citizens, registered with the Coconut Farmers Registry, have considerable experience and reputable track record in promoting coconut farmers' interest and welfare, and nominated by coconut farmers organizations or cooperatives that are active for the past three (3) years in farmer organization and development or community enterprise development. They shall be appointed by the President from a list of four (4) nominees for each island grouping, as submitted by the PCA Board. They shall each hold a term of three (3) years, and may be reappointed once. Any appointment to fill the vacancy

arising from death, removal, retirement or resignation of the representative of the coconut farmer sector shall only be for the unexpired term.

Provided further, that the representative from the coconut processing industry must be a Filipino citizen, has considerable experience and reputable track record in promoting the coconut processing industry and nominated by a coconut industry association. He/She shall be appointed by the President from a list of five (5) nominees, as submitted by the PCA Board, and shall hold a term of three (3) years, and may be reappointed once. Any appointment to fill the vacancy arising from death, removal, retirement or resignation of the representative of the coconut farmer sector shall only be for the unexpired term.

The PCA shall promulgate a nomination and screening process of nominees as representatives of the coconut farmers sector and coconut processing industry in consultation with their respective coconut farmer organizations and coconut industry associations.

SEC 2. The PCA is hereby authorized to implement a reorganization plan to increase its personnel complement which shall include a dedicated unit for the planning, evaluation of proposals and monitoring of implementation of the programs and projects to be funded out of the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Trust Fund.

Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the PCA shall submit a Board approved Reorganization Plan complete with the Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern to Governance Commission on Government Owned or Controlled Corporations (GCG) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for review and approval.

SEC. 3. The full PCA personnel services shall be provided for in the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, executive issuances rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,