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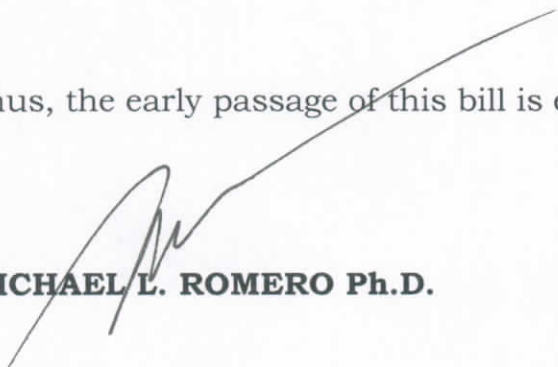
EXPLANATORY NOTE

In pursuant to Republic Act No. 10863, the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (**CMTA**), the Tariff Commission issued the *Procedure on Application for an Advance Ruling on Tariff Classification Related to Importation and Exportation of Goods*.

This Order aims to expand and execute programs for the continuous enhancement of customs systems and processes that will complement customs procedures, and to implement comprehensive and clear customs rules, regulations, policies and procedures, consistent with international standards and best practices.

This House Bill seeks to establish surgically targeted ways to ease the financial woes of our constituents.

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


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AN ACT

URGING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO SET **FISH AND MEAT TARIFFS TO ZERO**, TO COMBAT INFLATION RATE HIKE, TO EASE FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS, 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 guard and augment government revenue, establish reasonable and apparent customs and tariff management that will efficiently ease international trade, thwart and restrict any form of customs fraud and illegal acts.

The State shall also update and revise customs and tariff administration.

SECTION 2. FISH AND MEAT TARIFF REDUCTION TO ZERO – The state shall hereby reduce the current existing Fish and Meat tariffs to zero percent.

The industries, businesses and offices concerned shall create the **specific list of Fish and Meat products** whose tariffs can be reduced to zero.

SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. –

The departments and agencies charged with 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executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.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,