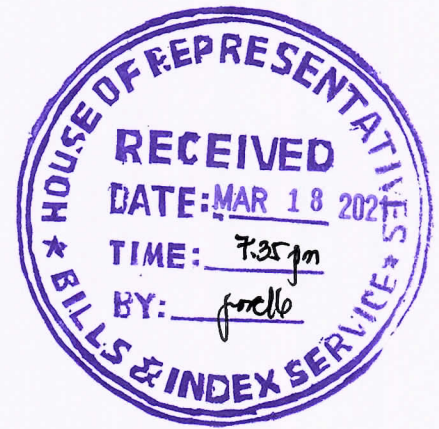




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House Bill No. 9054



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The continuous lowering of the tariff rates due to the globalization, without strengthening our own, gave more of negative effects to the agricultural sector particularly on livestock and poultry business. Despite the constitutional mandates of developing and promoting our agricultural lands and efficiency on the use of our natural resources for food security, the imposition of tariff on the importation of meat products did not hinder the influx of such products in the market.

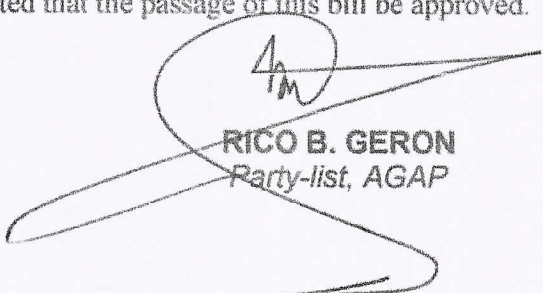
The importation of meat products gravely affected the domestic livestock and poultry business due to price competitiveness and branding. Currently, mechanically deboned meat (MDM) was imposed a tariff rate of merely 5% when in fact it should have been 40%. The policy of lowering the tariff rate, although with laudable intent to meet the needs on canned goods during pandemic, adversely hurt the pricing of local poultry and livestock products.

It has been reported that on (MDM) alone, P685 million was collected at 5% tariff rate. Should this rate was retained at 40%, there should have been additional revenue of up to P5.48 billion.

Considering the passage of Executive Order No. 123 fixing the MDM to 5% tariff rates, the revenue collected therein shall exclusively devoted to the programs and projects of the Department of Agriculture to relive the poultry and livestock industries.

This bill seeks to redeem the poultry and livestock industry by allotting the revenue collected from the tariff of importing meat products in the Philippines.

In view thereof, it is earnestly requested that the passage of this bill be approved.


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AN ACT
AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TO
 earmark the revenue collected from the tariff on all
MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCTS TO THE LIVESTOCK
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA)

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the "Philippine Livestock Grant Act."

SECTION 2. The tariff and duties collected from the importation of meat and poultry products by the Bureau of Customs shall be earmarked for the exclusive purpose of programs and projects of the Department of Agriculture on livestock and poultry industries who were gravely affected by the influx of importation of meat products.

SECTION 3. The DA shall identify the qualified and accredited livestock and poultry entrepreneurs who shall be considered as beneficiaries of this Act.

SECTION 4. The Department of Budget and Management shall, in coordination with the Department of Agriculture, issue the necessary rules and regulation for the effective implementation of this Act within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,