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HOUSE BILL NO. 10289

Introduced by: **HON. “KUYA” JOSE ANTONIO R. SY-ALVARADO**

AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A 50% DISCOUNT ON ALL APPLICABLE FEES FOR THE
APPLICATION/RENEWAL OF ANY TYPE OF BUSINESS PERMIT IN THE
AFFECTED AREAS OF THE QUARANTINE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

During the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic last 2020, lots of businesses were shut down for two main reasons: first, to follow the quarantine; and second, bankruptcy. Because of this repercussion, many lost their jobs. The disruptions of businesses like manufacturing, agriculture, tourism, construction, trade, and all kinds of MSMEs has led to a sudden halt in the Philippine’s economic activity.

We are still fighting our battles against the virus but we need to keep moving in order to survive. This measure aims to encourage businessmen and entrepreneurs to continue doing business in our country by providing a 50% discount on all applicable fees for the application and/or renewal of any type of business permit. This will provide new jobs and will keep the gears of our growing economy moving.

This proposed bill is also in harmony to Republic Act 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018.

Thus, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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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 “Lingkod Discount in Doing Business Act of 2021”

SECTION 2. Discount on All Applicable Fees. A 50% discount on all fees concerning the application and/or renewal of ANY kind of business permit is hereby mandated. This discount applies, but not limited to, DTI Business Name Registration, Barangay Business Clearance, Mayor’s Permit, BIR Registration, and other necessary fees.

SECTION 3. Coverage and Eligibility. The provisions stated on Section 2 is only applicable to areas affected by the quarantine.

SECTION 4. Late Renewal Penalties. Penalties for the late renewal of business permit in the covered and eligible areas are hereby waived.

SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) shall, in coordination with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Local Government Units (LGUs), promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, orders, issuances or portion thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

