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House Bill No. **8647**



Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE EDWIN L. OLIVAREZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Since its introduction on 13 September 2019, the *Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita* (“KADIWA”) Program of the Department of Agriculture has proven to be an effective measure in supporting both farmers and fisherfolks and the consumers by establishing a direct market and supply distribution link between them.

The KADIWA is an initiative of the Department of Agriculture that is programmed to ensure the availability and affordability of food in areas with high demand and in communities with low-income families. Farmers cooperatives and associations, members of the private sector, and other agricultural stakeholders were tapped to implement a direct and effective food supply distribution system throughout the country. In the midst of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and its impacts to food trade and mobilization, the Department of Agriculture launched the Enhanced KADIWA Program in order to stabilize local supply and prices of food and other basic commodities as per DA Memorandum Order No. 6, s. 2020. The Department of Agriculture Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service (AMAS), the office in charge of processing applications for KADIWA accreditations, reported a total of 308 KADIWA stores, pop-up stores, and KADIWA-on-Wheels nationwide, to date.¹

For the farmers, fisherfolks, and food producers to be able to distribute their products on a continuous and wider scale and the consumers to have a regular and unintermittent access to their goods on the other hand, and for such efficient and effective measure of direct marketing scheme by the Department as a solution to food security to be sustained, there is a need for the establishment of a KADIWA Center at the city or municipality level and KADIWA Stores at the barangay level, which will implement the modalities of the program, *i.e.*, KADIWA Retail Selling, KADIWA on Wheels, KADIWA Online, and e-KADIWA.

The passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A KADIWA NI ANI AT KITA CENTER IN EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY AND KADIWA NI ANIT AT KITA STORES IN EVERY BARANGAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be in 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 "KADIWA Center in the Cities and Municipalities and KADIWA Stores in Barangays Act of 2023".

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to ensure availability and accessibility of food commodities in high consumer demand areas, especially those inhabited by low-income families, by establishing additional markets for small farmers, fishermen, and food producers where they can directly sell their produce at affordable prices thereby safeguarding stability of price and supply of food and basic commodities.

SECTION 3. *Establishment of KADIWA Centers in Cities and Municipalities.* – There is hereby established a KADIWA ni Ani at Kita Center in every city and/or municipality nationwide, hereafter referred to as the KADIWA Center.

The KADIWA Center shall be established by the local government unit, in close coordination with the Department of Agriculture. The KADIWA Center, subject to the guidelines set forth by the Department of Agriculture, shall be under the control and supervision of the Market Supervisor to be appointed by the local government unit.

The KADIWA Center shall be primarily responsible in implementing the KADIWA modalities in their respective area, such as, KADIWA Retail or Direct Selling, KADIWA on Wheels, KADIWA sa Pamahalaan, KADIWA Online, and e-KADIWA.

SECTION 4. *Establishment of KADIWA Stores in the Barangays.* - There is hereby established a KADIWA ni Ani at Kita Store in every barangay nationwide, which will be referred to as the KADIWA Stores. The KADIWA Stores shall be in coordination and under supervision of the KADIWA Center in their respective area.

SECTION 5. *Appropriation.* — The amount necessary for the establishment of the KADIWA Centers and KADIWA Stores shall be generated from the funds of the Department of Agriculture. The maintenance and expenses necessary for the operation of the KADIWA Centers and KADIWA Stores shall be chargeable to the respective local government units and barangays.

SECTION 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* — The Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the local government units, and other stakeholders, shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the proper and effective implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* — If any part or section shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or sections of this Act.

SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, rules and regulations inconsistent with any provision of this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity.* — This shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in two (2) newspaper of the general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

Approved.