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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish the Doña Remedios Trinidad Agro-Industrial Economic Zone (DRTAIEZ) in the province of Bulacan, which is located in the Municipalities of Norzagaray, Angat, and San Miguel.

The Constitution mandates the State to promote and accelerate a balanced economic, agro-industrial, and technological development that is sustainable and inclusive. It shall actively encourage and induce balanced sectoral development in the country in order to provide jobs to the people especially those in the rural areas, increase their productivity and their individual and family income, and thereby improve the level and quality of their living condition through the establishment, among others, of special economic zones in suitable and strategic locations in the country and through measures that shall effectively attract legitimate and productive foreign investment.

The DRTAIEZ is a necessary and timely undertaking that synergizes the private sector's and government's efforts to have a globally competitive industry. With rapidly evolving economic and sectoral conditions in the region, the development of infrastructure, logistical systems, and commercial zones to promote investment

opportunities for both local and foreign investors is imperative. The DRTAIEZ is envisioned as a vital catalyst in realizing this goal.

Along with this endeavor, this bill aims to address a recurring and devastating natural hazard in the sector of agro-industry that is flooding, which poses significant threats to lives, properties, and sustainable development in the Philippines. The establishment of DRTAIEZ shall include flood mitigation and water resources containment facility to address the said hazard and to enable the Zone to become a sustainable water resource for itself and for its nearby local government units through bulk water supply or bulk irrigation water source.

Further, it will not only bolster our country's innate capability in the field of research, development, and agro-industry, but also significantly contribute to the country's economic productivity. More importantly, the establishment of this Zone is aligned with the Philippine Development Plan and Sustainable Development Goals to ensure that economic growth benefits the broader community and addresses poverty alleviation, job creation, and environmental protection.

It is for these reasons that the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

Section 1. *Title*. - This Act shall be known as the **"Doña Remedios Trinidad Agro-Industrial Economic Zone Act of 2025."**

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy*. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to encourage, promote, and accelerate a sound and balanced economic, agro-industrial, and technological development that is sustainable and inclusive. Recognizing the strategic importance of the municipality of Doña Remedios Trinidad (DRT) in the province of Bulacan, this Act establishes the Doña Remedios Trinidad Agro-Industrial Economic Zone (DRTAIEZ) to serve as an engine of growth and innovation.

This policy emphasizes:

1. The creation of a self-sustaining agro-industrial and digital hub that fosters economic progress while preserving the environment.
2. The advancement of modern technologies, including the development of cryptocurrencies, blockchain platforms, and other digital asset industries.
3. The development of infrastructure, logistical systems, and commercial zones to promote investment opportunities for both local and foreign investors.

4. The establishment, development, and operation of flood mitigation facilities and water resources containment infrastructure to enable the Zone to become a sustainable water resource for itself and for its nearby local government units through bulk water supply or bulk irrigation water source. Corollarily, fishery and aquaculture shall likewise be promoted.
5. The alignment of the Zone's objectives with the Philippine Development Plan and Sustainable Development Goals to ensure that economic growth benefits the broader community and addresses poverty alleviation, job creation, and environmental protection.

Sec. 3. *Definition of Terms*. For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

(a) **Agro-Industrial Economic Zone (Agri-Ecozone)** refers to a designated area within Doña Remedios Trinidad and adjacent municipalities that shall be developed into a self-sustaining industrial, agricultural, commercial, and technological complex with available infrastructure, logistics, and support services for export-oriented businesses, agro-industrial enterprises, commercial activities, and technology hubs.

(b) **Doña Remedios Trinidad Agro-Industrial Economic Zone Authority (DRTAIEZA)** refers to the government authority created under this Act, tasked with managing, operating, and regulating the economic zone.

(c) **Cryptocurrency and Digital Asset Registration** refers to the regulatory framework by which businesses and entities engaged in blockchain technology, cryptocurrencies, digital tokens, and other decentralized financial technologies are registered and supervised by the DRTAIEZA.

(d) **Digital Asset Service Providers (DASP)** refers to any legal entity or individual authorized by DRTAIEZA to provide services or engage in transactions involving digital assets, including but not limited to cryptocurrency trading, custody, and blockchain development.

(e) **Foreign Investors** refers to individuals, corporations, or partnerships, including joint ventures, established under foreign laws and authorized to engage in any lawful business or economic activity within the Zone.

Sec. 4. *Governing Principles.* The Doña Remedios Trinidad Agro-Industrial Economic Zone (DRTAIEZ) shall be administered, managed, and operated by the Doña Remedios Trinidad Agro-Industrial Economic Zone Authority (DRTAIEZA), as established under this Act. The development, administration, and operation of the DRTAIEZ shall be guided by the following principles:

(a) Within the framework and limitations prescribed by the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, and in conformity with the pertinent provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, the DRTAIEZ shall be established, developed, and operated as a decentralized, self-reliant, and self-sustaining industrial, commercial and trading, agro-industrial, tourism, banking, financial, and investment center, equipped with residential areas as may be deemed appropriate by the DRTAIEZA, for the purpose of generating employment, attracting local and foreign investments, and fostering economic advancement in and around the areas within the territorial jurisdiction of Doña Remedios Trinidad and its neighboring towns and cities.

(b) The DRTAIEZ shall be provided with the requisite infrastructure, transportation systems, telecommunications facilities, and such other necessary support systems that will render it conducive to attracting legitimate and productive investments. These developments are intended to create linkage industries and employment opportunities for the benefit of the residents of the Province of Bulacan and its surrounding areas, thereby contributing to national growth and development.

(c) The DRTAIEZ, in the pursuit of mutually beneficial economic relationships, may establish and foster economic relations with domestic entities, enterprises, or corporations. Subject to the administrative guidance and policy direction of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA), and/or the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), DRTAIEZ may likewise engage in economic relations with foreign entities or enterprises, provided that these engagements shall be compliant with all applicable Philippine laws and regulations concerning foreign relations and trade.

(d) Foreign nationals, corporations, partnerships, and other business entities established under foreign laws may, in any proportion of ownership, establish and operate enterprises within the DRTAIEZ. These may be organized independently or in joint ventures with Filipino citizens or entities within any sector of industry, international trade, commerce, or similar ventures within the DRTAIEZ, provided that such enterprises shall comply with Philippine laws and regulations governing foreign ownership and investment.

(e) The DRTAIEZ shall be designated and managed as a separate customs and taxation territory, thereby allowing for the free movement of goods, capital, and resources within, into, and out of its territorial bounds. Enterprises duly registered and licensed by DRTAIEZA within the DRTAIEZ shall enjoy the benefits of this designation, subject to applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines.

(f) The DRTAIEZ shall be empowered to offer various fiscal incentives to duly registered enterprises operating within its territory, including but not limited to tax- and duty-free importations of raw materials, capital equipment, machinery, and other such goods necessary for enterprise operations. However, goods that are exported or removed from the DRTAIEZ for use, sale, or consumption within other parts of Philippine territory shall be subject to customs duties, taxes, and tariffs as provided under the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, and the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC) of 1997, as amended.

(g) The territorial jurisdiction and boundaries comprising the DRTAIEZ may be expanded or reduced, as deemed necessary for the proper implementation of the objectives of this Act. To this end, the DRTAIEZA, in consultation with relevant Local Government Units (LGUs), shall possess the authority to acquire lands, either through purchase, negotiation, or condemnation proceedings, within or adjacent to the DRTAIEZ for the following purposes: (1) consolidation of lands to facilitate the orderly development of the DRTAIEZ; (2) acquisition of rights-of-way and access points to and from the DRTAIEZ; and (3) protection and preservation of watershed areas, (4) establishment of sea port/s on the other side of Sierra Madre Mountain, railway system, super highway and the like infrastractures and other natural assets deemed integral to the long-term prosperity and sustainability of the DRTAIEZ.

(h) Goods, products, and other items manufactured or produced by enterprises within the DRTAIEZ shall be permitted to enter the domestic market for immediate retail sale, subject to the payment of corresponding taxes, duties, and such other assessments on the value of raw materials and other production inputs, as may be required under applicable Philippine laws. In consultation with the PEZA, the Department of Finance (DOF), and the DTI, the DRTAIEZA shall promulgate guidelines and regulations to govern the entry of goods produced within the DRTAIEZ into the domestic market. Furthermore, to protect domestic industries, a negative list of restricted industries shall be drawn up and periodically updated by the PEZA and the Board of Investments (BOI), identifying industries whose products shall not be allowed for sale in the domestic market.

(i) The national government shall assume primary responsibility for the defense, protection, and security of the DRTAIEZ. Coordination shall be established between the national government, the DRTAIEZA, and relevant LGUs to maintain the security of the DRTAIEZ's perimeter and its facilities.

(j) In pursuit of the objective to transform the DRTAIEZ into a critical hub in region and to accelerate its economic development, the national government, through its relevant departments and agencies, shall actively cooperate and coordinate with the DRTAIEZA and LGUs to ensure the timely and efficient implementation of programs and projects that will attract investments and foster sustainable growth within the DRTAIEZ.

Sec. 5 *Creation of the Doña Remedios Trinidad Agro-Industrial Economic Zone*. A body corporate to be known as the Doña Remedios Trinidad Agro-Industrial Economic Zone Authority, hereinafter referred to as the DRTAIEZA, is hereby established to administer, manage, and operate the Doña Remedios Trinidad Agro-Industrial Economic Zone (DRTAIEZ), in accordance with the provisions of this Act. The DRTAIEZA shall possess corporate powers to carry out its mandate, with full authority to engage in such undertakings and to enter into such contracts, agreements, and transactions necessary for the fulfillment of its purposes and objectives as defined in this Act.

The DRTAIEZA shall be vested with perpetual succession, capable of holding, acquiring, and enjoying any real and personal property of all kinds and of conveying, leasing, mortgaging, or otherwise disposing of such property, and of suing and being sued, entering into contracts, and performing such acts and functions necessary to achieve its objectives. The DRTAIEZA shall also have the power to establish offices, branches, and agencies, whether within or outside the Philippines, as may be necessary to accomplish its purposes.

The corporate franchise granted to the DRTAIEZA shall expire fifty (50) years from the first day of the fifth (5th) calendar year following the effectivity of this Act, unless otherwise extended or renewed by an Act of Congress. Upon the expiration of its franchise, all rights, privileges, properties, assets, and liabilities of the DRTAIEZA shall revert to the national government, subject to applicable laws and regulations.

The DRTAIEZA shall be attached to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for administrative supervision and policy coordination, and it shall be governed by a Board of Directors, composed as provided in this Act, with the powers and duties as herein specified.

The exact boundaries of the Zone are as follows:

"A parcel of land situated in the Municipalities of Norzagaray, Angat, and San Miguel, Province of Bulacan, Island of Luzon, bounded on the N. points 15 to 18 by the Province of Nueva Ecija; in the E., points 18 to 39 by the province of Quezon; on the S., points 39 to 1 and 1 to 3 by the Municipality of Norzagaray, Province of Bulacan; on the W., points 3 to 9 by the Municipality of Angat; points 9 to 10 by the Municipality of San Rafael; points 10 to 13 by the Municipality of San Ildefonso; and points 13 to 15 by the Municipality of San Miguel. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being S. 88 deg. 41'E., 13,811.16 m. from BLLM 1 of Angat Cadastre, Municipality of Angat;

thence S. 87 deg. 23'W., 7,658.22 m. to point 2;
thence N. 58 deg. 06'W., 8,189.04 m. to point 3;
thence N. 29 deg. 20'E., 1,383.54 m. to point 4;
thence N. 32 deg. 10'W., 1,172.36 m. to point 5;
thence N. 83 deg. 37'W., 613,67 m. to point 6;
thence N. 7 deg. 48'E., 1,225.20 m. to point 7;
thence N. 16 deg. 03'E., 1,010.05 m. to point 8;
thence N. 16 deg. 12'W., 513.17 m. to point 9;
thence N. 2 deg. 53'E., 2,478.71 m. to point 10;
thence N. 20 deg. 49'E., 5,270.08 m. to point 11;
thence N. 14 deg. 14'W., 3,214.41 m. to point 12;
thence N. 10 deg. 00'W., 4,085.57 m. to point 13;
thence N. 25 deg. 37'E., 7,458.71 m. to point 14;
thence N. 6 deg. 13'W., 10,629.03 m. to point 15;
thence S. 85 deg. 28'E., 2,765.59 m. to point 16;
thence S. 77 deg. 38'E., 7,144.17 m. to point 17;
thence S. 66 deg. 10'E., 13,216.84 m. to point 18;
thence S. 30 deg. 10'E., 1,730.56 m. to point 19;
thence S. 21 deg. 08'E., 2,671.22 m. to point 20;
thence S. 7 deg. 20'E., 927.34 m. to point 21;
thence S. 55 deg. 22'E., 2,072.00 m. to point 22;
thence S. 9 deg. 42'E., 1,536.71 m. to point 23;
thence S. 47 deg. 09'W., 623.43 m. to point 24;
thence S. 4 deg. 42'E., 3,203.15 m. to point 25;
thence S. 20 deg. 33'W., 927.60 m. to point 26;
thence S. 12 deg. 44'W., 4,487.11 m. to point 27;

thence S. 23 deg. 23'E., 655.23 m. to point 28;

thence S. 21 deg. 07'W., 2,913.10 m. to point 29;

thence S. 78 deg. 27'W., 1,517.46 m. to point 30;

thence S. 13 deg. 54'E., 2,126.46 m. to point 31;

thence S. 70 deg. 07'E., 2,809.75 m. to point 32;

thence S. 5 deg. 48'W., 2,531.88 m. to point 33;

thence S. 10 deg. 23'W., 2,574.59 m. to point 34;

thence S. 38 deg. 2'W., 1,628.85 m. to point 35;

thence S. 81 deg. 06'W., 846.10 m. to point 36;

thence S. 8 deg. 09'E., 599.76 m. to point 37;

thence S. 20 deg. 05'W., 2,093.86 m. to point 38;

thence N. 86 deg. 13'W., 15,345.80 m. to point of

the beginning; containing an area of NINETY THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN (93,297.9726) HECTARES AND NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX SQUARE METERS, more or less.

All prior vested rights, existing settlers and/or cultivators, in the area shall be properly compensated for what improvements, resettlements and crop values to be mutually agreed upon by the concerned parties in accordance with existing laws; provided that in the event of dispute, the same may be expropriated thereby entitling the legitimate private owners to be paid just compensation.

The areas shall automatically revert to its original status under Presidential Decree No. 1196, series 1977, dated September 13, 1977, in the event the ecozone is not pushed through or DRTAIEZA is abolished.

Sec. 6. *Board of Directors and Composition of the Governing Body of the Doña Remedios Trinidad Agro-Industrial Economic Zone*.

The powers of the DRTAIEZA shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of Directors to be appointed by the President of the Philippines, which shall be composed of Thirteen (13) members, as follows:

1. The chairman and the vice-chairman, both of whom shall be elected from among the members of the board;
2. The Administrator, who shall in no case be, at the same time, the chairman or vice-chairman, neither a member of the Board;
3. Other members of the Board:
    a. Representative from the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA);
    b. Representative from the Department of Agriculture (DA);
    c. Representative from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);
    d. One representative from the Province of Bulacan;
    e. One representative from Doña Remedios Trinidad;
    f. Six (6) representatives from the private sector, locator, two of whom shall represent the business locator sector and another two from the digital asset industry.
    g. Two labor representatives from workers within the economic zone.

Sec. 7. *Powers and Functions of the Board***.** — The Board shall have the following powers and functions:

1. Formulate policies and guidelines for the efficient development and management of the Zone;
2. Enter into contracts, joint ventures, or agreements necessary for the effective discharge of the DRTAIEZA's mandate;
3. Issue licenses, accreditations, and certifications to enterprises operating within the Zone, including those engaged in cryptocurrency and digital asset businesses;
4. Implement a regulatory framework for the registration and supervision of cryptocurrency exchanges, digital asset platforms, and related financial technology services;
5. Plan and oversee the infrastructure and facilities development within the Zone;
6. Coordinate with government agencies to ensure the smooth operation and compliance of enterprises within the Zone; and

7. Ensure the implementation of labor standards, environmental safeguards, and other relevant laws within the Zone.

Sec. 8. *Developmental Objectives and Investment Incentives.*

(a) **Agro-Industrial and Commercial Development.** — The DRTAIEZ shall promote the development of agro-industrial enterprises, technology hubs, commercial centers, and logistics facilities to attract investments, generate employment, and enhance productivity in the region. The Zone shall encourage participation from both domestic and foreign investors in a wide range of industries, including agriculture, agribusiness, technology-based manufacturing, and renewable energy.

(b) **Incentives for Registered Enterprises.** Enterprises duly registered with the DRTAIEZA, including those involved in cryptocurrency and digital assets, shall be entitled to fiscal and non-fiscal incentives . These include:

i. Income Tax Holiday (ITH): Enterprises shall enjoy an ITH for a period of four (4) to six (6) years, extendable to ten (10) years for activities classified as Tier III under the SIPP. The extension shall be subject to the approval of the Fiscal Incentives Review Board (FIRB).

ii. Reduced Tax on Gross Income Earned (GIE): Upon the expiration of the ITH, registered enterprises shall be subject to a reduced GIE rate of 5%, as prescribed under the CREATE Act, transitioning to 1% by 2024 for PEZA-registered activities.

iii. Duty-Free Importation: Enterprises shall be entitled to duty-free importation of raw materials, capital equipment, and technology-related inputs necessary for operations, subject to the provisions of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

iv. Zero-Rated VAT: Local purchases of goods and services directly related to the enterprise's operations shall be zero-rated for VAT, in accordance with the CREATE Act and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) rules.

v. Non-Fiscal Incentives: Enterprises shall benefit from streamlined registration and licensing processes through the One-Stop Shop Center and have access to government-backed grants and funding for research and innovation.

(c) **Youth-Centric Programs** -- Recognizing the vital role of the youth in driving innovation and technology adoption, the DRTAIEZ shall implement comprehensive programs to enhance the skills and participation of the youth in high-technology industries. The DRTAIEZA, in collaboration with local and international educational institutions, shall establish training centers and programs focusing on blockchain technology, digital assets, FinTech, AI, and other advanced technologies.. These programs shall aim to equip the youth with the technical knowledge and skills required to excel in these emerging industries. Additionally, scholarships and grants shall be provided to young Filipinos, particularly those from local communities, to encourage their active involvement in the Zone's economic activities. To further support young entrepreneurs, innovation hubs and business incubators shall be established within the Zone, providing startups with the resources and mentorship needed to develop innovative solutions and technologies. Through these initiatives, the DRTAIEZ seeks to harness the potential of the youth as key drivers of innovation and economic progress. Training centers and scholarship programs shall be created in collaboration with global institutions, focusing on blockchain, digital assets, AI, and other advanced technologies. Innovation hubs and incubators will provide resources and mentorship for startups and young entrepreneurs.

(d) **Enhanced Incentives for Digital and FinTech Enterprises**

To attract investments in blockchain, digital assets, and financial technology, the DRTAIEZ shall offer a range of fiscal and non-fiscal incentives to registered enterprises. Fiscal incentives shall include an income tax holiday (ITH) of up to ten (10) years, duty-free importation of capital equipment and technology-related raw materials, and zero-rated value-added tax (VAT) on local purchases directly related to enterprise operations. Non-fiscal incentives shall include streamlined registration and licensing processes through the One-Stop Shop, as well as access to government-backed grants and funding to support innovation and research in technology-driven industries. These incentives are designed to create a favorable business environment for digital and FinTech enterprises, encouraging them to establish and expand their operations within the Zone.

(e) **Startup Technology Enterprise Incentives.**

To foster innovation and economic dynamism, startup technology enterprises registered under the DRTAIEZA shall receive the following special incentives:

i. 100% Income Tax Exemption for the first seven (7) years of operation, renewable for up to ten (10) years based on performance and growth benchmarks.

ii. Zero VAT and Tariff on capital equipment, software licenses, development kits, and innovation infrastructure.

iii. Free Access to Co-working and Innovation Hubs operated or accredited by DRTAIEZA.

iv. Government-backed Grants and R&D Incentives for technology development, AI, digital solutions, and IP commercialization.

v. Streamlined Visa and Residency Processing for foreign startup founders and talent.

(f) **AI and Data Center Enterprise Incentives.**

To promote digital transformation and sustainable data infrastructure, AI and Data Center companies shall be granted:

i. 10% Reduced Corporate Income Tax for ten (10) years

ii. 2% Additional Tax Discount if 50% or more of energy use comes from renewable sources (subject to DOE certification)

iii. 2% Additional Tax Discount for facilities with LEED or equivalent green building certifications

iv. Priority Infrastructure Support and Permit Processing

v. Access to Green Innovation Grants and priority in PPP infrastructure partnerships

Sec. 9. *Incorporation of Blockchain and Financial Technology Industries*

The Doña Remedios Trinidad Agro-Industrial Economic Zone (DRTAIEZ) shall actively promote the establishment and growth of enterprises engaged in blockchain technology, cryptocurrency exchanges, digital asset platforms, decentralized finance (DeFi), and other financial technology (FinTech) industries. To regulate and support these industries, the Act establishes the Digital Asset Bureau (DAB) within the DRTAIEZA. The DAB shall be responsible for overseeing the registration, supervision, and promotion of blockchain and digital asset activities within the Zone. It shall also adopt international best practices in data privacy, cybersecurity, and anti-money laundering (AML) to ensure compliance with relevant regulations, including those of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). All digital asset service providers, including cryptocurrency exchanges and blockchain technology firms, must obtain licenses from the DAB before commencing operations within the Zone. Enterprises shall be required to adhere to strict registration, transparency, and reporting requirements to ensure accountability and protect consumers while promoting innovation and economic activity in the digital sector.

Sec. 10. *Monitoring and Reporting on Digital Enterprises*

All enterprises operating within the DRTAIEZ, particularly those involved in blockchain and digital asset technologies, shall be required to maintain high levels of transparency and accountability. They must submit annual reports detailing their operations, financial performance, and compliance with ESG standards. To ensure adherence to financial transparency, consumer protection, and anti-fraud measures, the Digital Asset Bureau shall conduct regular audits of registered enterprises. These audits shall verify compliance with applicable laws and regulations and identify areas for improvement. By implementing rigorous monitoring and reporting mechanisms, the DRTAIEZA seeks to build trust among investors, stakeholders, and the public while ensuring the integrity and sustainability of its economic activities.

Sec. 11. *Cryptocurrency and Digital Asset Registration and Regulation.*

(a) **Establishment of a Digital Asset Bureau.** — A **Digital Asset and Cryptocurrency Bureau** shall be created within the DRTAIEZA to formulate, implement, and enforce policies for the registration, regulation, and supervision of enterprises engaged in the development, trading, and management of digital assets, cryptocurrencies, and decentralized financial technologies.

(b) **Regulatory Framework.** — The Bureau, in coordination with the **Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)** and the **Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)**, shall adopt a regulatory framework that ensures the secure and lawful operation of cryptocurrency and blockchain-based enterprises. The framework shall include provisions on anti-money laundering (AML) and counter-terrorism financing (CTF), consumer protection, and financial transparency.

(c) **Registration of Cryptocurrency Exchanges and Digital Asset Platforms.** — All cryptocurrency exchanges, digital asset platforms, and related enterprises operating within the Zone shall be required to register with the DRTAIEZA and secure a license prior to conducting business. The Bureau shall monitor compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including the filing of regular reports on transactions and financial operations.

Sec. 12*. One-Stop Shop Center for Investors.*

The Authority shall establish a **One-Stop Shop Center for Investors** to facilitate the issuance of permits, licenses, certificates, clearances, and other necessary documents to expedite the entry and operation of businesses within the Zone. All relevant government agencies with jurisdiction over the issuance of such documents shall maintain an office within the One-Stop Shop to provide prompt services to investors.

The authority shall likewise establish a mechanism with the Bureau of Immigration to be able to issue Business Visas to foreign locators and Unitized Business Visas to Digital Asset and CryptoCurrency subscribers at reasonable fees that can be paid with fiat money, crypto currencies, or similar considerations acceptable to DRTAIEZ.

Individual who manage to acquire Business Visas or Unitized Business Visas must pass the necessary KYC, AMLA Clearances, due diligence before they can be allowed to open a bank account and do business in the Philippines.

Sec. 13*. Relationship with Local Government Units.* The local government units (LGUs) concerned shall retain their jurisdiction over the areas covered by this Act; however, they shall not impose taxes, fees, or charges on the enterprises operating within the Zone except for real property taxes, which shall accrue to the LGUs concerned. The Authority shall ensure that the LGUs are properly consulted and informed about all significant developments and operations within the Zone.

SEC. 14. Sustainability and Climate-Resilient Development.

The DRTAIEZ shall be developed as a model for sustainable and climate-resilient economic growth. Enterprises within the Zone shall be required to adopt environmentally sound practices, including the use of renewable energy, efficient waste management systems, and low-carbon technologies. The Zone shall prioritize investments in green manufacturing industries and the construction of sustainable infrastructure to ensure long-term environmental preservation. Additionally, all enterprises operating within the Zone must integrate Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles into their business operations. The DRTAIEZA shall regularly monitor and evaluate ESG compliance and publish annual performance reports to highlight the sustainability efforts of enterprises operating within the Zone. By adopting these measures, the Zone aims to balance economic development with environmental protection, ensuring that growth remains sustainable and beneficial for future generations.

Flood Mitigation and Water Resources Containment Facilities.

To further strengthen the Zone's climate resilience and safeguard surrounding communities, the DRTAIEZA, in close coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the National Water Resources Board (NWRB), the National Irrigation Administration (NIA), Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) relevant local government units, and other concerned agencies, shall develop and implement comprehensive flood mitigation and water resources containment strategies within the DRTAIEZ. These strategies shall include:

1. Flood Mitigation Infrastructure: Construction, rehabilitation, or improvement of flood barriers, dikes, spillways, and drainage systems designed to reduce flood risk in the Zone and in adjacent communities.
2. Water Containment Facilities: Establishment of water impoundment structures, retention ponds, dams, and other water catchment facilities to manage stormwater runoff effectively and ensure a reliable water supply for agricultural, industrial, and domestic use.

3. Watershed and Wetland Preservation: Preservation and restoration of natural waterways, wetlands, and watershed areas to enhance water absorption capacity and maintain ecological balance.

4. Monitoring and Early Warning Systems: Adoption of modern engineering techniques and real-time monitoring tools to track water levels, predict flood incidents, and implement timely evacuation measures.
5. Collaboration with Stakeholders: Engagement with communities, local farmers, and enterprises in planning, maintaining, and monitoring flood control and water conservation programs to promote shared responsibility and sustainable utilization of water resources.

All enterprises within the DRTAIEZ shall comply with flood mitigation standards and cooperate with water resource containment initiatives to minimize adverse environmental impacts and safeguard public health and property.

Sec. 15. *Regional and Global Economic Integration*

The DRTAIEZ shall be positioned as a hub for regional and global economic activity, particularly in the fields of agro-industrial production, technology solutions, and digital services. Enterprises within the Zone shall be encouraged to focus on export-oriented industries, with the DRTAIEZA providing logistical and administrative support to facilitate access to ASEAN markets and other international trade opportunities. The Zone shall adopt international standards on data privacy, trade, and financial transparency to attract foreign direct investments (FDIs) and ensure the competitiveness of its enterprises in the global market. By fostering international partnerships and aligning its operations with global best practices, the DRTAIEZ aims to enhance its reputation as a reliable and innovative economic zone capable of contributing to both national and regional economic growth.

Sec. 16. *Capitalization and Funding*. The Authority shall have an initial capitalization of Ten Billion Pesos (₱10,000,000,000.00), which shall be appropriated from the General Appropriations Act (GAA) and augmented by internally generated funds from its operations, proceeds from loans, grants, and other lawful sources including private sector.

The Authority is hereby authorized to establish a Trust Fund where all revenues, proceeds from loans, contributions, donations, grants, and all other funds from domestic or foreign entities intended for the development and operations of the Zone shall be deposited.

In order to augment the funding system for the further development of the DRTAIEZ, it is hereto authorized to accept, evaluate and approve Investment through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) from the Private Sector.

Therefore, the DRTAIEZ is hereto allowed to establish its own PPP Center based on existing law.

Sec 17. *Responsible Government Agency at the Onset.* To ensure the speedy implementation and smooth coordination of the Doña Remedios Trinidad AGRO-INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIC ZONE Act of 2025, including the Flood Mitigation and Water Resources Containment Facility and other purposes, at the onset, the Province of Bulacan, through in Provincial Government shall be tasked for the following:

I. To supervise, to coordinate and to act within its power for the speedy formation of the aforementioned project.

II. To be the repository for the utilization of forest tree within the area so declared/ established shall remain under the power of and authority of the Provincial Government of Bulacan in accordance to existing rules and regulations.
Further, any related water project in the Sierra Madre mountain range encompassing the area of the Doña Remedios Trinidad town must be coordinated with the Provincial Government of Bulacan

III. Time being of the issuance and prior to the actual formation of the Doña Remedios Trinidad Agro-Industrial Economic Zone Authority, the Provincial Government of Bulacan is hereby authorized to engage experts and professionals for the preparation of pre-feasibility study, over all conceptual plan, preliminary designs, preliminary engineering of the Flood Mitigation and Water Impounding Facilities subject to the payment of
corresponding fee from the initial appropriation of the Project;

IV. The Provincial Government of Bulacan is tasked likewise to seek assistance, to coordinate and monitor with all heads of Departments, agencies, Bureaus Offices, including Government owned and controlled corporation and by virtue of this mandate are hereby enjoined to provide full assistance and cooperation in accordance to law to the Provincial Government of Bulacan, such as, but not limited to, the following:

a. Department of Environmental and Natural Resources
b. Department of Public Works and Highways
c. National Economic and Development Authority
d. Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage Systems
e. National Water Resources Board
f. Local Water Utilities Administration
g. National Irrigation Administration
h. Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development
i. Department of Transportation
j. Department of Budget and Management; and
k. Department of Science and Technology
l. Department of Trade and Industry
m. Department of Information and Communications Technology

Sec. 18. *Mandated Revenue Sharing Arrangement.* The revenue collected from the operations within the DRTAIEZ shall be distributed as follows:

a. Forty percent (40%) to the Municipality of Doña Remedios Trinidad (DRT)
b. thirty percent (30%) to the Province of Bulacan, and
c. thirty percent (30%) to the National Government, specifically to the DRTAIEZA.

This sharing arrangement aims to ensure equitable distribution of benefits and provide sustained funding for local development, infrastructure, and administrative operations of the DRTAIEZA.

Sec. 19. *Penalties and Sanctions.* Any violation of this Act or the rules and regulations issued by the Authority shall be subject to fines, penalties, and sanctions as may be determined by the Board, without prejudice to criminal prosecution under applicable laws.

Sec. 20*. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The DRTAIEZA, in coordination with PEZA, NEDA, BSP, SEC, and other relevant agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act to ensure its effective implementation.

Sec. 21. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 22*. Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules, and regulations or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Sec. 23. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.