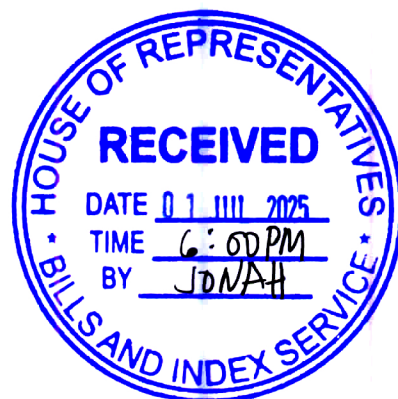




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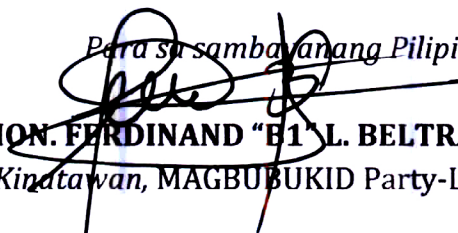
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Ang agrikultura ay matagal nang naging haligi ng ekonomiya ng Pilipinas. Ito ay pangunahing pinagkukunan ng kita at hanapbuhay, at nagbibigay ng trabaho sa halos kalahati ng kabuuang lakas-paggawa. Sa kasamaang-palad, ang pangunahing lakas ng ating ekonomiya—ang mga magsasaka at mangingisda—ay kabilang sa pinakamahihirap na sektor ng ating lipunan.

Sa kabila ng kanilang mahalagang papel sa paglago ng ekonomiya at sa pagpapanatili ng kabuhayan ng bansa, ginugugol nila ang kanilang buong buhay sa pagtatrabaho upang matustusan lamang ang pang-araw-araw na pangangailangan at kadalasang nauuwi sa kawalan pagdating ng kanilang pagreretiro.

Layon ng panukalang ito na magtatag ng isang Agricultural Pension Fund na magbibigay ng benepisyong pensyon sa ating mga lokal na magsasaka at mangingisda na malaki ang naiambag sa ating kakayahang maging sapat sa sarili, lalo na noong panahon ng pandemya.

Dahil dito, taimtim na hinihiling ang agarang pag-apruba ng panukalang batas na ito.

Para sa sambayanang Pilipino,

HON. FERDINAND "B1" L. BELTRAN
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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN AGRICULTURAL PENSION FUND TO PROVIDE PENSION BENEFITS TO FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK

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 Agricultural Pension Fund Act of 2025”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared a policy of the State to, from time to time, review to upgrade the pensions and other benefits due to retirees of both the government and private sectors. It acknowledges that farmers and fisher folk are integral part to the country's development, and therefore shall accord due recognition to their great contribution by providing them with pension benefits to assist them with their basic needs when they reach the age of retirement.

SECTION 3. Creation of the Agricultural Pension Fund. The Agricultural Pension Fund (APF) is hereby established to provide pension benefits to agricultural workers, especially farmers and fisher folk.

SECTION 4. Implementing Agency. The Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC), an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture (DA), shall be the implementing agency of the provisions of this Act. In addition to its existing duties and responsibilities, it shall:

- (a) Create a pension plan for agricultural pensioners;
- (b) Manage and invest the APF to ensure its sustainability;
- (c) Determine the criteria for eligibility, in coordination with relevant government agencies;
- (d) Perform other duties and functions towards the efficient and effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the PCIC Board of Directors, in consultation with the Secretary of

Agriculture and representatives of recognized farmers and fisherfolks group, shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. Appropriations. Such amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual appropriations of the DA.

SECTION 7. 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 8. 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 9. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,