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*Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez and
Representative Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr.*

House Bill No. **2156**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 11203 (An Act Liberalizing the Importation, Exportation and Trading of Rice, Lifting for the Purpose the Quantitative Import Restriction on Rice, and For Other Purposes) liberalized the rice sector by repealing quantitative import restrictions and allowing the private sector to import rice subject to existing tariff rates. The law also removed the quantitative export restrictions.

To further boost investments in the rice and corn sector, there is a need to amend PD 194 to make it less restrictive and to attract more foreign investments. The aim is to address the underinvestment in the rice and corn sector and help said sector improve.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 194, "AUTHORIZING ALIENS, AS WELL AS ASSOCIATIONS, CORPORATIONS OR PARTNERSHIPS OWNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY FOREIGNERS TO ENGAGE IN THE RICE AND CORN INDUSTRY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

Section 1. Section 3 of Presidential Decree No. 194 is hereby deleted.

Sec. 2. Section 4 of Presidential Decree No. 194 is hereby deleted.

Sec. 3. Section 5 of Presidential Decree No. 194 is hereby deleted.

Sec. 4. Section 7 of Presidential Decree No. 194 is hereby deleted.

Sec. 5. Section 8 of Presidential Decree No. 194 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 8. The [National Grains Authority] **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** in coordination with the Department of [Agriculture] **ENVIRONMENT** and Natural Resources, **DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY**, and other offices concerned shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to the implementation of the provisions of this Decree.

Sec. 6. The remaining provisions of Presidential Decree No. 194 are hereby renumbered accordingly.

Sec. 7. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Sec. 8. Repealing Clause. – laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Sec. 9. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,