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

House Bill No. 3805

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines faces a growing challenge of ensuring food security amidst rapid urbanization, climate change, and rising socio-economic inequality. In urban areas, particularly in highly populated cities, access to fresh, affordable, and nutritious food remains limited. At the same time, many marginalized sectors—such as out-of-school youth, senior citizens, women, and low-income communities—lack access to sustainable sources of livelihood and meaningful community engagement.

This proposed measure seeks to respond to these intersecting challenges through the establishment of greenhouse facilities in urban centers as hubs for food production, income generation, and community development. These facilities will be designed not only as food-producing spaces but also as platforms for inclusive capacity-building and local enterprise.

The bill specifically promotes the active participation of vulnerable and underserved sectors, including the out-of-school youth, senior citizens, women's groups, and community-based organizations.

Through greenhouse technology, which allows for controlled-environment agriculture, communities can grow high-value crops such as herbs, leafy greens, and vegetables year-round—regardless of limited space or adverse weather conditions. This promotes local food production, reduces dependence on long supply chains, and creates opportunities for micro-enterprises and cooperative ventures.

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


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AN ACT

**PROMOTING FOOD SECURITY, LIVELIHOOD, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GREENHOUSE FACILITIES IN URBAN AREAS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. Purpose and Objectives. – This Act aims to promote food security, income generation, and community development in urban centers through the establishment of greenhouse facilities, involving out-of-school youth, senior citizens, women's groups, and community organizations.

Section 2. Establishment of Urban Greenhouses. – The Department of Agriculture (DA), in coordination with local government units (LGUs) and other relevant agencies, shall establish urban greenhouse facilities in major urban centers.

Section 3. Community Involvement. – The urban greenhouses shall involve out-of-school youth, senior citizens, women's groups, and community organizations in the following ways:

- (a) Training and capacity-building programs in urban agriculture and greenhouse management;
- (b) Employment opportunities in greenhouse operations and maintenance;
- (c) Community-led decision-making processes in greenhouse project development and management.

Section 4. Objectives of Urban Greenhouses. – The urban greenhouses shall aim to:

- (a) Enhance food security in urban centers through sustainable production of fresh produce;
- (b) Generate income for participating individuals and community groups;
- (c) Promote community development and social cohesion through collaborative urban agriculture initiatives.

Section 5. Implementation. – The DA, LGUs, and other relevant agencies shall:

- (a) Provide technical assistance and resources for the establishment and operation of urban greenhouses;
- (b) Develop training programs for community members;
- (c) Establish partnerships with private sector and civil society organizations to support urban greenhouse initiatives.

Section 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The DA, in coordination with relevant agencies, shall issue implementing rules and regulations (IRR) within 90 days from the effectivity of this Act.

Section 7. Appropriations. – The amount necessary to implement this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 8. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,