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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 11037, otherwise known as the "*Masustansyang Pagkain Para sa Batang Pilipino Act*," institutionalized a National Feeding Program that seeks to address under nutrition among Filipino children and improve their access to healthy and nutritious food. The law underscores the State's commitment to promote the health and well-being of children, particularly those in public day care centers, kindergarten, and elementary schools.

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 11037 to mandate that at least thirty percent (30%) of food supplies for the National Feeding Program be procured from small-scale producers.

By linking the feeding program with local farmers and fisherfolk, the measure aims to strengthen rural livelihoods, promote inclusive growth, and ensure sustainable food supply chains. It also directs the Department of Agriculture to maintain a registry of small-scale producers and the Department of Agrarian Reform to provide support services such as training, equipment, credit, and insurance.

Through this measure, the government can simultaneously achieve these goals: (1) combat child malnutrition and (2) uplift the country's small-scale food producers.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT MANDATING THE PROCUREMENT FROM SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT"

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

SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 11037, otherwise known as the "Masustansyang Pagkain Para sa Batang Pilipino" Act is hereby amended by inserting the following provisions after Section 7 of the said Act:

SECTION 8. PROCUREMENT OF PRODUCE FROM SMALL SCALE PRODUCERS - THE GOVERNMENT IS, HEREBY, MANDATED TO ENSURE THAT THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OR MORE OF THE SUPPLIES NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM ARE PROCURED FROM SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS.

SECTION 9. REGISTRY OF SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS THE DA SHALL KEEP AND REGULARLY UPDATE A LIST OF SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS. IT SHALL USE THE REGISTRY FOR BASIC SECTORS IN AGRICULTURE (RSBSA), THE REGIONAL FIELD OFFICE (RFO) LIST OF BENEFICIARIES, THE BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES'S NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL FISHERFOLK REGISTRATION (BFAR FISHR) FOR FISHERFOLK, AND ANY OTHER LIST IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO KEEP THE REGISTRY UP TO DATE. FURTHERMORE, THE DA IS REQUIRED TO COORDINATE WITH THE DSWD TO CROSS-MATCH AND COMPARE THE REGISTRY WITH THE DSWD'S NATIONAL HOUSEHOLD TARGETING SYSTEM FOR POVERTY REDUCTION (NHTS-PR) TO AVOID DUPLICATION AND REDUNDANCY.

SECTION 10. SUPPORT SERVICES FOR AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES WHO ARE SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR) SHALL INSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS FOR AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES WHO ARE SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS AS CONTAINED IN THEIR LIST OF BENEFICIARIES:

- A. TRAINING ON PRODUCTION, HARVESTING, PROCUREMENT PROCESS OF THIS ACT, AND ANY
- B. OTHER TOPIC THE DAR SEES FIT; SUBSIDIZED FARM EQUIPMENT;
- C. FACILITIES FOR STORAGE AND HARVESTING;
- D. CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SMALL-SCALE FARMER;
- E. ACCESS TO CROP INSURANCE;
- F. ACCESS TO CREDIT/LOW INTEREST RATES.

SECTION 2. Section 8 of Republic Act No. 11037 is hereby renumbered as Section 11, and all succeeding sections of the same Act are hereby renumbered accordingly.

SECTION 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DA and the DAR, in consultation with DSWD, DEPED, the National Nutrition Council (NNC), the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI), the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and such other relevant government agencies, non-government organizations, and development partners, shall promulgate their respective rules and regulations for the efficient and effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,