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House Bill No. **7343**



INTRODUCED BY REP. PATRICK MICHAEL "PM" D. VARGAS

AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A KADIWA NI ANI AT KITA
STORE IN EVERY BARANGAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Food security remains a critical challenge for the Philippines. While the country has moved past the COVID-19 pandemic, lingering effects of global inflation and climate-related disruptions have kept food prices volatile. Building on data from the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, which previously identified the Philippines to have the highest number of food-insecure individuals in Southeast Asia, recent 2024-2025 assessments show that millions of Filipino families still struggle with consistent access to nutritious and affordable meals.

By the start of 2025, while national monitoring suggests a slight stabilization compared to post-pandemic peaks of 2022, approximately one in ten households remains food insecure. In response, the government has intensified its efforts to bridge the gap between rural producers and urban consumers through the expanded "Kadiwa in Ani at Kita" program.

Originally launched in 2019 and significantly scaled up over the last few years, Kadiwa Program serves as a vital intervention strategy. It is a multi-agency collaboration between the Department of Agriculture (DA), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and Food Terminal Inc. (FTI), a Government-Owned and Controlled Corporation. This project establishes a direct link between farmers and fisherfolk, direct producers of food, to the consuming public.

Through localized Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita stores, livelihood opportunities are secured for Filipino farmers and fisherfolk, while also ensuring food security in local government units (LGUs), especially those that are economically disadvantaged, which faced food supply challenges amidst the pandemic.

In order to institutionalize food security efforts and livelihood opportunities for Filipino farmers and fisherfolk, this bill seeks to establish a Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita Store in all barangays across the country. The Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita Store shall provide a sustainable direct marketing link between accredited farmers and fisherfolk and the local consumers through the local government unit, while ensuring that the farm and fishery products are fresh, healthy, and affordable. Additionally, this will complement the Republic Act No. 11321 or the Sagip Saka Act, which provides for the direct purchase of agricultural and fishery products by local government agencies.

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



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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “*Barangay Kadiwa Store Act*”.

SECTION 2. Establishment of Barangay Kadiwa Store. – There is hereby established a Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita Store hereinafter referred to as the “Kadiwa Store” in every barangay throughout the country.

The Kadiwa Store established by this Act shall be located in a public market of the barangay. *Provided*, That the Kadiwa Store shall be a safe and publicly accessible location wherein farm and fishery products are ensured to be fresh, healthy and affordable.

Provided Further, That the Kadiwa Store shall be under the control and supervision of the Market Supervisor who shall likewise ensure a sustainable direct marketing link between accredited farmers and fisherfolk and the local consumers through the local government unit.

SECTION 3. Funding. – The amount necessary for the establishment of the Kadiwa Store shall be generated from the funds of the Department of Agriculture. The maintenance of the Kadiwa Store established shall be the responsibility and shall be charged to the respective barangay.

SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture shall, in coordination with the Local Government Unit and other stakeholders, issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Non-Impairment Clause.* – Nothing in this Act shall be construed as to diminish, impair, or repeal rights recognized, granted, or made available to disadvantaged, marginalized, or specific sectors under existing laws.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, parts or provisions of this Act which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, Implementing Rules and Regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,