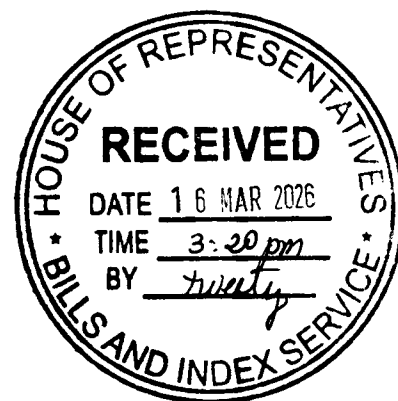


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to require food establishments to provide clear and accessible nutrition and calorie information on their menus in order to promote informed food choices and improve public health outcomes.

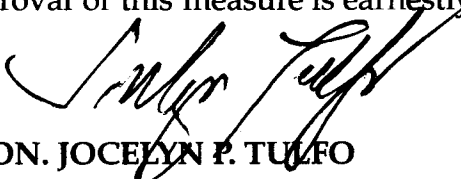
Non-communicable diseases such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular illnesses remain among the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in the Philippines. These conditions are often linked to poor dietary choices, excessive calorie intake, and high levels of sugar, sodium, and fat in commonly consumed foods. By requiring the disclosure of calorie content and key nutritional information on menus, this measure aims to help consumers better understand the health implications of their food choices and support efforts to prevent lifestyle-related diseases.

The bill covers restaurants, fast food chains, cafés, bakeries, and similar food establishments with two or more branches nationwide, as well as establishments operating within malls, airports, schools, hospitals, and transportation terminals. Online food platforms are likewise included to ensure that nutrition information remains available in digital food ordering environments.

As dining out and ordering food online become increasingly common, many consumers lack access to reliable information about the nutritional content of the food they purchase. By improving transparency in food establishments and promoting nutrition awareness among consumers, this measure seeks to support healthier lifestyles by empowering individuals to make healthier decisions and encourage greater awareness of dietary habits.

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


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AN ACT
REQUIRING FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS TO PROVIDE NUTRITION AND
CALORIE INFORMATION ON MENUS PROMOTING INFORMED FOOD
CHOICES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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 “*Nutrition Transparency in Food Establishments Act*”.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. — It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of the people to health by ensuring universal access to clear, accurate, and science-based information on the nutritional content of food offered to the public.

The State affirms that informed food choices are a critical public health measure in preventing non-communicable diseases, including obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular illnesses, and in promoting lifelong health consciousness and disease prevention among the population.

SEC. 3. Coverage. — This Act shall apply to:

- a. Restaurants, fast food chains, cafés, bakeries, and similar food establishments with two (2) or more branches nationwide;
- b. Food establishments operating inside malls, airports, schools, hospitals, and transportation terminals; and
- c. Online food platforms.

SEC. 4. Disclosure of Calorie and Nutritional Information. — All covered food establishments under Section 3 of this Act shall display the following information for each standard menu item:

- a. Calorie content per serving;

- b. Key nutritional information, including but not limited to sugar, sodium, and fat content, as determined by the National Nutrition Council; and
- c. A clear and readable format on printed menus, menu boards, and digital platforms

SEC. 5. *Role of the National Nutrition Council (NNC).* — The NNC shall:

- a. Provide technical guidance on nutrition standards, dietary recommendations, and nutrient thresholds to be used for menu nutrition disclosure;
- b. Assist in the development of public education and awareness campaigns to promote informed and healthy food choices; and
- c. Monitor and evaluate the public health impact of this Act and submit periodic policy recommendations to Congress and the DOH.

SEC. 6. *Appropriations.* — The Department of Health (DOH) shall immediately include in the Department's programs the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. *Penalties.* — Upon due notice and hearing, the Department of Health (DOH) shall impose the following penalties on any covered food establishment that fails to comply with this Act:

- a. A fine of not less than fifty thousand pesos (₱50,000) but not more than two hundred thousand pesos (₱200,000) for the first offense.
- b. Suspension or revocation of the business permit for repeated or subsequent violations, without prejudice to other remedies under existing laws.

SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOH and in consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* — If any portion or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,