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HOUSE BILL NO. 9193

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE AUDREY KAY T. ZUBIRI**

AN ACT

STRENGTHENING BREASTFEEDING, ROOMING-IN, AND HUMAN MILK BANKING PRACTICES IN THE PHILIPPINES, ENSURING BREASTFEEDING PROTECTION, NON-COMMERCIALIZATION, AND SAFE DONOR HUMAN MILK SYSTEMS, EXPANDING AND AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7600, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ROOMING-IN AND BREASTFEEDING ACT OF 1992," AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10028, AND PROVIDING FUNDS AND MECHANISMS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Breastfeeding is universally recognized as the optimal source of nutrition for infants, providing essential nutrients, strengthening immunity, and promoting overall growth and development. In the Philippines, Republic Act No. 7600 as amended by Republic Act No. 10028, have laid the foundation for promoting breastfeeding and supporting mothers in both health facilities and workplaces. Complementing these measures is Executive Order No. 51, which safeguards breastfeeding from unethical marketing practices.

Despite these gains, significant gaps remain in ensuring that all infants, especially pre-term, low birth weight, and medically vulnerable newborns, have access to life-saving human milk. Many mothers face temporary or permanent challenges in breastfeeding due to medical conditions, emergencies, or other constraints. In such cases, safe and regulated access to donor human milk becomes critical. However, the Philippines currently lacks a fully integrated, nationwide human milk banking system that ensures equitable access, consistent safety standards, and ethical, non-commercialized practices.

This bill seeks to strengthen and modernize the country's breastfeeding and infant nutrition framework by institutionalizing a National Human Milk Banking Program under the Department of Health. It establishes an integrated network of human milk banks, depots, and donation areas, supported by a National Human Milk Banking Strategy to guide implementation, expansion, and sustainability. The measure mandates the establishment of at

least one human milk bank in every region, ensuring that geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas are not left behind.

Importantly, the bill upholds breastfeeding as the primary and preferred method of infant feeding, positioning donor human milk strictly as a medically indicated alternative when a mother's own milk is unavailable or insufficient. It emphasizes that all human milk donation must remain voluntary, altruistic, and non-commercial, with safeguards against financial inducement and undue influence, consistent with the Philippine Milk Code.

To ensure safety and quality, the measure provides for standardized donor screening, milk processing, storage, and distribution systems aligned with Department of Health regulations and internationally recognized practices. It also introduces innovations such as an Online Live Milk Map and Reserve System to improve real-time coordination, equitable allocation, and emergency response.

By strengthening breastfeeding support systems and establishing a safe, ethical, and accessible human milk banking network, this measure aims to reduce infant morbidity and mortality, improve neonatal outcomes, and uphold the fundamental rights of every child to optimal nutrition and every mother to adequate breastfeeding support.

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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

- 1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** — This Act shall be known as the “Breastfeeding Protection and
2 Human Milk Banking Act.”
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- 4 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** — The State upholds the right of every child to breastfeeding
5 as the primary source of nutrition, immunity, and optimal development, and the right of every
6 mother to receive adequate, timely, and sustained support to breastfeed.
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- 8 To this end, the State shall strengthen breastfeeding, rooming-in, and human milk banking
9 systems as part of an integrated continuum of care, ensuring access to appropriate infant
10 feeding support, including in emergencies and among vulnerable populations.
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- 12 Human milk banking shall be institutionalized as a complementary public health strategy to
13 support infants in need by providing safe donor human milk when medically indicated. It shall

1 promote voluntary and non-commercial human milk donation and contribute to improved
2 survival and health outcomes, particularly for preterm and medically vulnerable infants.

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4 The State affirms that breastfeeding is the primary and preferred method of infant feeding, and
5 that donor human milk shall be provided only when a mother's own milk is unavailable,
6 insufficient, or temporarily contraindicated, and used as a bridge to support the initiation or
7 continuation of breastfeeding.

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9 All programs and activities under this Act shall be implemented in accordance with Executive
10 Order No. 51 (1986), otherwise known as the 'National Code of Marketing of Breast-milk
11 Substitutes, Breast-milk Supplements and Other Related Products,' hereinafter referred to as
12 the 'Philippine Milk Code', and relevant laws and regulations.

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14 **SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.*** — Section 3 of Republic Act No. 7600, as amended by Republic
15 Act No. 10028, is hereby further amended to insert new subsections (aa), (bb), (cc), (dd), (ee),
16 and (ff) and to modify subsection (f), to read as follows:

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18 **(f) DONOR HUMAN MILK — HUMAN MILK EXPRESSED AND**
19 **VOLUNTARILY DONATED BY A SCREENED AND QUALIFIED**
20 **LACTATING MOTHER (HUMAN MILK DONOR) OTHER THAN**
21 **THE BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF THE RECIPIENT INFANT,**
22 **AND HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT OF**
23 **HEALTH (DOH) REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS FOR**
24 **SAFETY AND QUALITY;**

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26 **(aa) DONOR SUPPORT PACKAGE — NON-MONETARY AND**
27 **NON-COMMERCIAL FORMS OF SUPPORT PROVIDED TO**
28 **ELIGIBLE AND SCREENED HUMAN MILK DONORS TO**
29 **PROTECT MATERNAL HEALTH, SUSTAIN BREASTFEEDING,**
30 **AND ENABLE SAFE DONATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
31 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES. SUCH SUPPORT**
32 **SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE PAYMENT OR CREATE FINANCIAL**
33 **OR MATERIAL INDUCEMENT TO DONATE;**

1 (bb) HUMAN MILK DONATION AREA — A DESIGNATED
2 SPACE WITHIN A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE FACILITY WHERE
3 SCREENED LACTATING MOTHERS MAY VOLUNTARILY
4 EXPRESS AND DONATE BREASTMILK FOR COLLECTION BY
5 A DOH-ACCREDITED HUMAN MILK BANK, REGIONAL MILK
6 HUB, OR SIMILAR AUTHORIZED ENTITY;

7 (cc) HUMAN MILK BANK — A FACILITY THAT RECRUITS AND
8 SCREENS HUMAN MILK DONORS, COLLECTS, PROCESSES,
9 STORES, AND DISPENSES DONOR HUMAN MILK, AND
10 ENSURES ITS SAFETY AND QUALITY THROUGH
11 APPROPRIATE TESTING, HANDLING, AND QUALITY
12 ASSURANCE MEASURES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
13 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) REGULATIONS AND
14 INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS;

15 (dd) HUMAN MILK DEPOT — A FACILITY THAT PROVIDES
16 DONOR HUMAN MILK STORAGE, INVENTORY
17 MANAGEMENT, AND LOGISTICS SUPPORT, AND
18 FACILITATES THE RECEIPT OF DONOR HUMAN MILK, AND,
19 WHERE AUTHORIZED, THE CLINICALLY INDICATED AND
20 AUTHORIZED DISPENSING OF DONOR HUMAN MILK;
21 PROVIDED, THAT HUMAN MILK DEPOTS SHALL OPERATE
22 AS PART OF A NETWORK LINKED TO DOH-ACCREDITED
23 HUMAN MILK BANKS.;

24 (ee) NATIONAL HUMAN MILK BANKING STRATEGY — A
25 GOVERNMENT-LED OPERATIONAL ROADMAP DEVELOPED
26 BY THE DOH THAT SETS OUT THE TARGETS, REGIONAL
27 ROLL-OUT, DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY
28 STANDARDS, AND MONITORING SYSTEMS FOR AN
29 INTEGRATED AND SUSTAINABLE HUMAN MILK BANKING
30 NETWORK NATIONWIDE.

31 (ff) ONLINE LIVE DONOR HUMAN MILK MAP AND RESERVE
32 SYSTEM — A DIGITAL PLATFORM ESTABLISHED BY THE DOH
33 THAT PROVIDES REAL-TIME INFORMATION ON THE
34 LOCATION, VOLUME, AND AVAILABILITY OF SCREENED

**AND PASTEURIZED DONOR HUMAN MILK ACROSS ALL
ACCREDITED MILK BANKS AND MILK DEPOTS.**

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SEC. 4. A new chapter is hereby inserted after Chapter V of Republic Act No. 7600, as amended, to read as follows:

CHAPTER VI

NATIONAL HUMAN MILK BANKING PROGRAM

SEC 22. NATIONAL HUMAN MILK BANKING PROGRAM. – THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) SHALL ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL HUMAN MILK BANKING PROGRAM, ORGANIZED AS AN INTEGRATED NETWORK TO ENSURE THE SAFE, EQUITABLE, AND BREASTFEEDING-CENTERED PROVISION OF DONOR HUMAN MILK FOR MEDICALLY INDICATED USE.

THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ORGANIZED AS AN INTEGRATED NETWORK COMPOSED OF HUMAN MILK BANKS, HUMAN MILK DEPOTS, AND HEALTH FACILITIES, CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITY-BASED BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUPS PROVIDING BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT SERVICES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ACT.

THE PROGRAM SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A NATIONAL HUMAN MILK BANKING STRATEGY, TO BE DEVELOPED AND PERIODICALLY UPDATED BY THE DOH, AND SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING POLICIES, INCLUDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7600, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10028, AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 51 (PHILIPPINE MILK CODE).

SEC. 23. CREATION OF NATIONAL HUMAN MILK BANKING STRATEGY – THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), IN COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT AGENCIES AND

1 STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A
2 NATIONAL HUMAN MILK BANKING STRATEGY TO GUIDE
3 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN MILK
4 BANKING PROGRAM AND ENSURE ITS ESTABLISHMENT,
5 REGULATION, AND SUSTAINABILITY.

6 THE STRATEGY SHALL:

- 7 a) SET TIME-BOUND TARGETS FOR ESTABLISHING
8 HUMAN MILK BANKS AND HUMAN MILK DEPOTS
9 IN ALL REGIONS;
10 b) PROVIDE GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR DONATION,
11 PROCESSING, AND CLINICALLY INDICATED
12 DISPENSING OF DONOR HUMAN MILK;
13 c) ESTABLISH A DIGITAL SYSTEM TO TRACK DONOR
14 HUMAN MILK SUPPLY AND MEDICALLY
15 INDICATED NEED; AND
16 d) ENSURE ALIGNMENT WITH BREASTFEEDING AND
17 ROOMING-IN POLICIES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO.
18 7600 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10028, AND
19 COMPLIANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 51
20 (PHILIPPINE MILK CODE).

21 **SEC. 24. ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL AND**
22 **PROVINCIAL HUMAN MILK BANKS AND BREASTFEEDING**
23 **SUPPORT SERVICES. – THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, IN**
24 **COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT LOCAL GOVERNMENT**
25 **UNITS (LGUS), SHALL ESTABLISH AT LEAST ONE REGIONAL**
26 **HUMAN MILK BANK IN EVERY ADMINISTRATIVE REGION,**
27 **PREFERABLY WITHIN A DOH-RETAINED OR LEVEL 3**
28 **PUBLIC HOSPITAL.**

29 SATELLITE HUMAN MILK BANKS MAY BE
30 ESTABLISHED IN PROVINCES AND URBANIZED CITIES,
31 SUBJECT TO DOH GUIDELINES.

32 **SEC. 25. ACCESS BY HOSPITALS AND LYING-IN**
33 **CLINICS. – ALL LICENSED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS**
34 **AND LYING-IN CLINICS MAY ACCESS DONOR HUMAN MILK**

1 FROM ACCREDITED HUMAN MILK BANKS OR DEPOTS,
2 SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) GUIDELINES.

3 THE DOH SHALL ESTABLISH STANDARDS TO ENSURE
4 SAFE, EQUITABLE, AND APPROPRIATE ACCESS, INCLUDING
5 PRIORITIZATION BASED ON MEDICALLY INDICATED NEED.

6 SEC. 26. ESTABLISHMENT OF HUMAN MILK
7 DONATION AREAS. — ALL LEVEL 2 AND LEVEL 3 PUBLIC
8 AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS SHALL DESIGNATE A HUMAN
9 MILK DONATION AREA, EQUIPPED WITH BASIC FACILITIES
10 FOR EXPRESSING, COLLECTING, AND TEMPORARILY
11 STORING HUMAN MILK FOR TRANSFER TO ACCREDITED
12 HUMAN MILK BANKS OR HUMAN MILK DEPOTS.

13 HEALTH FACILITIES MAY ENTER INTO
14 PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE DOH, HUMAN MILK BANKS, OR
15 HUMAN MILK DEPOTS FOR THE COLLECTION, TRANSPORT,
16 AND MANAGEMENT OF DONOR HUMAN MILK, IN
17 ACCORDANCE WITH DOH GUIDELINES.

18 SEC. 27. HUMAN MILK DONOR SCREENING AND
19 SUPPORT. — THE DOH SHALL ESTABLISH AND ENFORCE
20 STANDARDS FOR THE RECRUITMENT, SCREENING, AND
21 SUPPORT OF HUMAN MILK DONORS TO ENSURE THE
22 SAFETY, QUALITY, AND ETHICAL MANAGEMENT OF DONOR
23 HUMAN MILK.

24 DONOR SUPPORT SHALL BE NON-MONETARY AND
25 NON-COMMERCIAL IN NATURE, AND LIMITED TO
26 MEASURES THAT PROTECT MATERNAL HEALTH, SUSTAIN
27 BREASTFEEDING, AND ENABLE SAFE DONATION, IN
28 ACCORDANCE WITH DOH GUIDELINES. SUCH SUPPORT
29 SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE PAYMENT OR CREATE FINANCIAL
30 OR MATERIAL INDUCEMENT TO DONATE.

31 ALL DONOR-RELATED ACTIVITIES SHALL BE
32 STRICTLY VOLUNTARY, ALTRUISTIC, AND NON-
33 COMMERCIAL, AND SHALL COMPLY WITH EXECUTIVE
34 ORDER NO. 51 (1986), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE

1 **PHILIPPINE MILK CODE, AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES**
2 **AND REGULATIONS.**

3 **SEC. 28. INTEGRATION WITH EMERGENCY RESPONSE**
4 **AND HEALTH PROGRAMS. — THE HUMAN MILK BANKING**
5 **PROGRAM SHALL BE INTEGRATED INTO:**

- 6 a) **DISASTER RESPONSE PLANS OF THE NDRRMC**
7 **AND DSWD FOR USE IN EMERGENCIES;**
8 b) **MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS,**
9 **INCLUDING NUTRITION SUPPLEMENTATION**
10 **AND THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO**
11 **PROGRAM (4PS);**
12 c) **REFERRAL AND SUPPLY CHAINS OF**
13 **GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED AND**
14 **DISADVANTAGED AREAS (GIDAS) USING**
15 **MOBILE OR SATELLITE HUMAN MILK BANKS.**

16 **SEC. 29. TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING. — THE**
17 **DOH, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ACADEMIC AND HEALTH**
18 **INSTITUTIONS, CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, AND**
19 **COMMUNITY-BASED BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUPS,**
20 **SHALL:**

- 21 a) **PROVIDE MANDATORY TRAINING ON HUMAN**
22 **MILK HANDLING AND BREASTFEEDING**
23 **SUPPORT FOR PERSONNEL IN ALL HUMAN**
24 **MILK BANKS, HUMAN MILK DEPOTS, AND**
25 **REFERRING HEALTH FACILITIES;**
26 b) **CONDUCT REGULAR ORIENTATIONS FOR**
27 **LYING-IN CLINIC STAFF, BARANGAY HEALTH**
28 **WORKERS, AND OTHER FRONTLINE HEALTH**
29 **AND NUTRITION PERSONNEL;**
30 c) **DEVELOP INFORMATION AND EDUCATION**
31 **CAMPAIGN (IEC) MATERIALS ON HUMAN MILK**
32 **BANKING AND BREASTFEEDING FOR MOTHERS,**
33 **FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES; AND**

1 d) RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT THE ROLE OF
2 COMMUNITY-BASED BREASTFEEDING
3 SUPPORT GROUPS IN COUNSELING, REFERRAL,
4 AND COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION,
5 CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL
6 BREASTFEEDING POLICIES.

7 SEC. 30. COLD CHAIN AND TRANSPORT LOGISTICS. —
8 THE DOH AND LGUS SHALL PROVIDE FUNDING, LOGISTICS,
9 AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR COLD CHAIN TRANSPORT TO
10 ENSURE SAFE DELIVERY OF DONOR HUMAN MILK BETWEEN
11 PARTNER FACILITIES. PARTNERSHIPS WITH THIRD-PARTY
12 LOGISTICS PROVIDERS AND LOCAL HEALTH TRANSPORT
13 SYSTEMS MAY BE ESTABLISHED.

14 SEC. 31. MONITORING AND EVALUATION. — THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), IN COORDINATION WITH
16 RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL DEVELOP AND
17 IMPLEMENT A MONITORING AND EVALUATION (M&E)
18 FRAMEWORK TO REGULARLY ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS,
19 EFFICIENCY, AND SAFETY OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN MILK
20 BANKING PROGRAM. THIS SHALL INCLUDE:

21 a) SETTING OUTCOME AND PERFORMANCE
22 INDICATORS ON DONOR RECRUITMENT, MILK
23 SUFFICIENCY, SAFETY COMPLIANCE, AND
24 BENEFICIARY REACH;

25 b) CONDUCTING PERIODIC EVALUATIONS AND
26 IMPACT ASSESSMENTS OF REGIONAL AND
27 PROVINCIAL HUMAN MILK BANKS, DONOR
28 SUPPORT PACKAGE, AND UTILIZATION
29 TRENDS;

30 c) PUBLISHING AN ANNUAL M&E REPORT TO
31 INFORM POLICY ADJUSTMENTS, ENSURE
32 ACCOUNTABILITY, AND IMPROVE PROGRAM
33 IMPLEMENTATION;

1 d) ENGAGE CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS,
2 COMMUNITY-BASED BREASTFEEDING
3 SUPPORT GROUPS, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS,
4 AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN
5 INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT, FEEDBACK
6 MECHANISMS, AND POLICY RESEARCH TO
7 SUPPORT EVIDENCE-BASED IMPROVEMENT.

8 SEC. 32. ONLINE LIVE MILK MAP AND RESERVE
9 SYSTEM. — TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY, COORDINATION,
10 AND EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF DONOR HUMAN MILK,
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) SHALL ESTABLISH
12 AND MAINTAIN AN ONLINE LIVE MILK MAP AND RESERVE
13 SYSTEM. THIS SYSTEM SHALL:

- 14 a) SERVE AS A CENTRALIZED DIGITAL PLATFORM
15 INDICATING THE REAL-TIME AVAILABILITY,
16 LOCATION, AND VOLUME OF DONOR HUMAN
17 MILK ACROSS ALL ACCREDITED REGIONAL AND
18 PROVINCIAL HUMAN MILK BANKS;
- 19 b) FACILITATE EMERGENCY MATCHING AND
20 EFFICIENT DISPATCH OF DONOR HUMAN MILK TO
21 REQUESTING HEALTH FACILITIES,
22 PARTICULARLY FOR HIGH-RISK AND PRIORITY
23 CASES;
- 24 c) INCLUDE FEATURES TO TRACK DONATIONS,
25 EXPIRY DATES, AND USAGE TO ENSURE SAFE AND
26 TIMELY DISTRIBUTION;
- 27 d) BE ACCESSIBLE TO AUTHORIZED HEALTH
28 PERSONNEL FROM DOH-ACCREDITED HOSPITALS
29 AND HUMAN MILK BANKS, WITH APPROPRIATE
30 DATA PRIVACY SAFEGUARDS; AND
- 31 e) BE SUBJECT TO PERIODIC REVIEW AND UPDATING
32 BY THE DOH TO ENSURE ACCURACY, SECURITY,
33 AND COMPLIANCE WITH EVOLVING HUMAN MILK
34 BANKING STANDARDS.

1 DATA SYSTEMS SHALL NOT BE USED FOR
2 MARKETING, PROMOTION, OR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES
3 AND SHALL COMPLY WITH DATA PRIVACY AND ETHICAL
4 STANDARDS.

5 SEC. 33. *PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION AND TAX*
6 *INCENTIVES.* — PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND CORPORATIONS
7 THAT CONTRIBUTE TO HUMAN MILK BANK OPERATIONS
8 THROUGH DONATIONS OR TECHNICAL SUPPORT MAY
9 CLAIM ENHANCED TAX DEDUCTIONS, SUBJECT TO BIR,
10 DOF, AND DOH REGULATIONS.

11 PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SHALL BE
12 ALLOWED ONLY IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE
13 NON-PROFIT AND PUBLIC HEALTH NATURE OF HUMAN
14 MILK BANKING.

15 ENTITIES ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURE,
16 MARKETING, OR DISTRIBUTION OF BREAST-MILK
17 SUBSTITUTES, FEEDING BOTTLES, TEATS, AND RELATED
18 PRODUCTS SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM DIRECTLY OR
19 INDIRECTLY PARTICIPATING IN OR INFLUENCING THE
20 HUMAN MILK BANKING PROGRAM UNDER THIS ACT.

21 ALL FORMS OF SPONSORSHIP, DONATIONS, OR
22 SUPPORT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PHILIPPINE MILK
23 CODE.

24 SEC. 34. *FUNDING AND APPROPRIATIONS.* — THE
25 AMOUNT NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF
26 THIS ACT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL
27 APPROPRIATIONS ACT UNDER THE BUDGET OF THE
28 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH). LOCAL GOVERNMENT
29 UNITS (LGUS) MAY ALLOCATE COUNTERPART FUNDING
30 FROM THEIR HEALTH OR GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT
31 (GAD) BUDGET, AS APPLICABLE.

32 TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY AND PROGRAM
33 IMPROVEMENT, AT LEAST THREE PERCENT (3%) OF THE
34 TOTAL ANNUAL ALLOCATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION

1 **OF THIS ACT SHALL BE EARMARKED SPECIFICALLY FOR**
2 **MONITORING AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES UNDER THE**
3 **SUPERVISION OF THE DOH.**

4 **SEC. 35. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. —**
5 **WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS**
6 **ACT, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, IN CONSULTATION**
7 **WITH RELEVANT AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL**
8 **PROMULGATE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY**
9 **TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.**

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11 **SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.*** — If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this act shall be
12 declared to be invalid, the remainder of this act or any provision not affected thereby shall
13 remain in force and effect.

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15 **SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** — all laws, decrees, orders, and issuances inconsistent with this
16 act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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18 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity.*** — this act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official
19 Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,