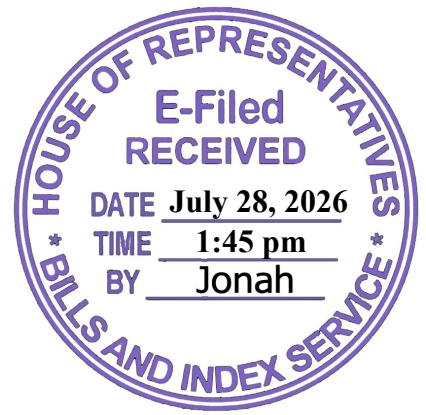


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Filipino farmers frequently sell their harvest at prices below the actual cost of production, squeezed between high input costs and the market power of traders and middlemen. Meanwhile, government support often arrives as in-kind assistance that fails to address farmers' most urgent need: cash to cover the gap between production cost and market price.

This bill guarantees a minimum farmgate price for staple crops and provides a direct, unconditional cash subsidy to registered farmers whenever prevailing market prices fall below the guaranteed floor, ensuring farming remains a viable livelihood.

Respectfully submitted,


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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Farmers' Fair Price and Direct Subsidy Act."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. — The State shall ensure that farmers receive fair and just compensation for their produce and shall protect them from the volatility of market prices.

SECTION 3. Guaranteed Floor Price. — The Department of Agriculture shall annually compute and publish a guaranteed floor price for palay, corn, and priority vegetable crops, based on the actual cost of production plus a reasonable margin, to be reviewed every cropping season.

SECTION 4. Direct Cash Subsidy. — Whenever the prevailing market price of a covered crop falls below the guaranteed floor price, registered farmers under the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) shall automatically receive a direct cash subsidy equivalent to the difference, up to a maximum area of three (3) hectares per farmer.

SECTION 5. Farmers' Price Stabilization Fund. — There is hereby created a Farmers' Price Stabilization Fund to finance the subsidy under Section 4, to be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and augmented by any unutilized balance of existing agricultural support funds.

SECTION 6. Direct Disbursement. — Subsidies shall be disbursed directly to farmers through government or accredited rural bank accounts or electronic wallets, without passing through intermediaries, cooperatives officers, or traders.

SECTION 7. Appropriations. — The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Department of Agriculture, and thereafter included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — The Department of Agriculture shall issue implementing rules within sixty (60) days from effectivity.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause. — If any provision of this Act is declared invalid, the other provisions not affected shall remain in force.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, executive orders, and issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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