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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM INTO A NATIONAL NUTRITION PROGRAM BY EXPANDING ITS SCOPE AND COVERAGE AND ENHANCING ITS SUPPORT MECHANISMS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OR 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. Sections 3 to 5 of Republic Act No. 11037 are hereby amended as follows:

"SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act, the following terms shall be understood to mean as follows, to wit:

"(a) *Cycle Menu* refers to standardized menus prepared by the national government agencies (NGAs), AND APPROVED BY DESIGNATED REGISTERED NUTRITIONISTS-DIETITIANS, in coordination with the National Nutrition Council (NNC), [and the] DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY – Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI), AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS, which shall be contextualized and drawn up, among others, according to age range, location and/or type of school, and local cultural and/or religious eating preferences: *Provided*, That such menus shall have as many varieties and selections as may be necessary taking into account its availability in the place or locality where the [day care] CHILD DEVELOPMENT center or school is located;

"(b) *Fortified Meal* x x x;

"(c) *FRESH MILK* REFERS TO A MILK PRODUCT PRODUCED BY LOCAL DAIRY FARMS FOR DIRECT HUMAN CONSUMPTION. FRESH MILK IS FURTHER DESCRIBED AS A MILK PRODUCT FROM NORMAL MAMMARY SECRETION OF HEALTHY MAMMALS SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COWS, GOATS, BUFFALOES, AND CARABAOS, WITHOUT EITHER ADDITION TO IT OR EXTRACTION FROM IT. IT IS SUBJECTED TO MINIMUM PASTEURIZATION CONDITIONS OF 72°C FOR 15 SECONDS (CONTINUOUS FLOW PASTEURIZATION) OR 63°C FOR 30 MINUTES (BATCH PASTEURIZATION), HAS NOT BEEN SUBJECTED TO HIGHER TEMPERATURE, AND HAS A SHELF LIFE OF NOT MORE THAN TEN (10) DAYS WHEN REGISTERED;

"[c] [D] *Health Examination* x x x;

1 “(E) *MILK-BASED SUBSTITUTE* REFERS TO A PRODUCT THAT HAS
2 UNDERGONE PROCESSING TO EXTEND SHELF LIFE, WHILE RETAINING THE
3 ESSENTIAL NUTRITIONAL PROPERTIES OF MILK. THESE INCLUDE, AMONG
4 OTHERS, STERILIZED MILK AND POWDERED MILK;
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6 “[d] (F) *National Government Agencies (NGAs)* refer to the [Department
7 of Education] [(DepED)] and the Department of Social Welfare and
8 Development (DSWD) which shall be the lead agencies in the implementation
9 of the Program for public kindergarten and elementary schools and public [day
10 care] CHILD DEVELOPMENT centers, respectively; [and]
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12 “[e] (G) *Undernourished Child* refers to a child who has been supplied
13 with less than the minimum amount of [foods] FOOD essentialS for sound
14 health and growth. For purposes of this Act, it shall include children who are
15 suffering from chronic hunger and malnutrition as well as those who are
16 considered as wasted, severely wasted, or stunted under the World Health
17 Organization Child Growth Standards[.]; AND
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19 “H. DIRECT FUND COST REFERS TO INGREDIENTS RELATED TO PROVISION
20 OF NUTRITION MEALS, EXCLUDING MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING
21 EXPENSES, TRAINING, UTENSILS, AND COOKING EQUIPMENT.”
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23 “SEC. 4. *National [Feeding] NUTRITION Program.* – The National
24 [Feeding] NUTRITION Program, hereinafter referred to as the Program, is
25 hereby established to address undernutrition among Filipino children.
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27 “The Program shall have the following components and coverage:
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29 “(a) Supplemental Feeding Program for [Day Care Children] EARLY
30 CHILDHOOD CARE. – The DSWD, in coordination with the LGUs concerned,
31 shall implement a supplemental feeding program for undernourished children
32 [with ages three (3) to] UNDER five (5) years OF AGE. The Program shall be
33 administered in [day care] CHILD DEVELOPMENT centers or in any other
34 facility which can be used for such purpose: *Provided*, That the Program shall
35 include the provision of at least one (1) fortified meal for a period of not less
36 than [one] TWO hundred [twenty (120)] (200) days in a year.
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38 “THE AFOREMENTIONED MEALS SHALL BE ADEQUATELY FUNDED TO
39 ENSURE THAT THE CHILDREN RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF
40 NUTRITION, WITH ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON NNC AND DOST-FNRI
41 NUTRITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND INFLATION: *PROVIDED*, THAT

1 FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THIS PROGRAM SHALL BE SPENT ON DIRECT FUND
2 COST, WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO PRODUCE OF LOCAL FARMERS: *Provided,*
3 *further,* That in the preparation of fortified meals, the DSWD shall work in
4 collaboration with recognized parents' organizations[;], AS WELL AS THE
5 PARENTS AND PARENT SUBSTITUTES OF THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE
6 PROGRAM, WHENEVER PRACTICABLE.

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8 "THE DSWD, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NNC AND THE EARLY
9 CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (ECCD) COUNCIL, SHALL
10 STRENGTHEN THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND THE HEALTH AND
11 NUTRITION COMPONENTS OF THE PARENT EFFECTIVENESS SERVICE
12 PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE TARGET
13 BENEFICIARIES. IT SHALL LIKEWISE COLLABORATE WITH THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) AND THE LGUS IN PROVIDING HEALTH
15 AND NUTRITION SERVICES TO UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN BELOW TWO
16 (2) YEARS OF AGE. THE ECCD COUNCIL SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL
17 ASSISTANCE IN ENSURING DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE
18 INTERVENTIONS ARE INTEGRATED WITH NUTRITION SERVICES;

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20 "(b) School-Based Feeding Program. – The DepED shall implement a
21 school-based feeding program for [undernourished] ALL public school
22 [children] LEARNERS from kindergarten to grade [six (6)] THREE (3) AND
23 UNDERNOURISHED LEARNERS FROM GRADES FOUR (4) TO TWELVE (12):
24 *Provided,* That the Program shall include the provision of at least one (1)
25 fortified meal to [all undernourished] THE COVERED public [elementary,]
26 school [children] LEARNERS for a period [of not less than one hundred twenty
27 (120) days in a year], OF 200 DAYS: *PROVIDED,* THAT, FOR THE PERIOD
28 NOT COVERED BY THE SCHOOL CALENDAR AS DETERMINED BY THE
29 DEPED, THE SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICES SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE
30 RESPECTIVE LGUS FOR THE CONTINUOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
31 PROGRAM.

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33 "THE AFOREMENTIONED MEALS SHALL BE ADEQUATELY FUNDED TO
34 ENSURE THAT THE LEARNERS RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF
35 NUTRITION, WITH ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON NNC AND DOST-FNRI
36 NUTRITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND INFLATION: *PROVIDED,* THAT
37 FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THIS PROGRAM SHALL BE SPENT ON DIRECT FUND
38 COST, WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO PRODUCE OF LOCAL FARMERS:
39 *PROVIDED, FURTHER,* THAT IN THE PREPARATION OF FORTIFIED MEALS,
40 THE DEPED SHALL WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH CONCERNED
41 BARANGAYS, AS WELL AS THE PARENTS AND PARENT-SUBSTITUTES OF

1 THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROGRAM, WHENEVER PRACTICABLE:
2 *PROVIDED, FINALLY*, THAT CURRENTLY ENROLLED NUTRITIONALLY-AT-
3 RISK PREGNANT LEARNERS IN BASIC EDUCATION SYSTEM, CHILDREN
4 WITH DISABILITIES, AND OTHER MARGINALIZED OR VULNERABLE
5 GROUPS, INCLUDING INDIGENOUS LEARNERS AS DEFINED UNDER
6 REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11510, AS WELL AS LEARNERS PARTICIPATING IN
7 REMEDIAL INTERVENTION AND SUPPLEMENTARY LEARNING PROGRAMS,
8 SHALL LIKEWISE BE BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROGRAM;
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10 “(c) Milk Feeding Program. – The GOVERNMENT’S MILK FEEDING
11 PROGRAM [NGAs] shall BE LED BY [coordinate with] the Department of
12 Agriculture (DA), THROUGH the National Dairy Authority, IN CONSULTATION
13 WITH the Philippine Carabao Center, and [the Cooperative Development
14 Authority,] IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPED AND THE DSWD. IT SHALL
15 INCORPORATE, [for the incorporation of] fresh milk, [and] fresh milk-based
16 food products, OR MILK-BASED SUBSTITUTES in the [fortified meals and]
17 cycle menu OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING PROGRAM OF THE DSWD
18 AND THE SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING OF THE DEPED in accordance with
19 Republic Act No. 8976, otherwise known as the “Philippine Food Fortification
20 Act of 2000[,]”, FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY
21 (120) DAYS A YEAR, SUBJECT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 51 OR “THE
22 NATIONAL CODE OF MARKETING OF BREASTMILK SUBSTITUTES,
23 BREASTMILK SUPPLEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS”. [utilizing
24 as far as practicable, locally produced milk in order to enhance its nutritional
25 content and, at the same time, help boost livelihood opportunities for local
26 dairy farmers and the local dairy industry;}]
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28 “TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE SUPPLY MANAGEMENT OF THE MILK
29 FEEDING PROGRAM, THE DA, THROUGH THE NDA, AND IN CONSULTATION
30 WITH THE PCC, SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUPPLY MAPPING,
31 PROCUREMENT, DELIVERY TO DESIGNATED DROP-OFF POINTS, SUPPLY
32 MONITORING, AND PAYMENT OF THE MILK SUPPLY.
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34 “IN PROCURING MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS FOR THE PROGRAM,
35 LOCALLY PRODUCED FRESH MILK AND FRESH-MILK BASED PRODUCTS
36 SHALL BE USED. FURTHER, PRIORITY SHALL BE GIVEN TO LOCAL DAIRY
37 AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES ELIGIBLE UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11321,
38 OR THE “SAGIP SAKA ACT”.
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40 “IN CASES WHERE LOCAL FRESH MILK SUPPLY IS INSUFFICIENT, THE
41 USE OF POWDERED MILK OR OTHER SUITABLE MILK SUBSTITUTES SHALL

1 BE ALLOWED, PARTICULARLY IN REMOTE AREAS, AS JOINTLY
2 DETERMINED BY THE DA THROUGH THE NDA, PCC, DEPED, THE DSWD,
3 THE NDA, AND THE PCC. THE IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES SHALL LIKEWISE
4 ADOPT MEASURES THAT PROMOTE THE GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY
5 OF THE LOCAL DAIRY INDUSTRY AND SUPPORT THE LIVELIHOOD OF
6 FILIPINO DAIRY PRODUCERS.

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8 "TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE PROGRAM DELIVERY AND ACTUAL
9 IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF, THE DSWD AND DEPED SHALL CONTINUE TO
10 BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECEIVING AND INSPECTION OF THE MILK
11 SUPPLY FROM THE LOCAL MILK SUPPLIER, COLD STORAGE, DROP-OFF
12 POINT-TO-FEEDING SITE TRANSPORTATION, AND ACTUAL FEEDING AND
13 ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM TO THEIR RESPECTIVE
14 BENEFICIARIES.

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16 "PROGRAM SUPPORT FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE MILK FEEDING
17 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL
18 APPROPRIATIONS OF THE NDA. FURTHERMORE, PROGRAM SUPPORT
19 FUNDS SHALL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF
20 THE DSWD AND DEPED FOR PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN THEIR
21 RESPECTIVE OFFICES."

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23 "(d) Micronutrient [Supplements] SUPPLEMENTATION PROGRAM. –The
24 [NGAs] DOH, in coordination with THE DSWD AND DEPED, shall provide AGE-
25 APPROPRIATE AND NEEDS-BASED micronutrient supplements to the
26 Program beneficiaries, AND IMPLEMENT [including] the use of iodized salt in
27 accordance with Republic Act No. 8172, otherwise known as the "Salt
28 Iodization or ASIN" law[;]: *PROVIDED*, THAT, SUBJECT TO THE
29 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, THE DEPED SHALL ADMINISTER WEEKLY IRON
30 AND FOLIC ACID SUPPLEMENTATION TO FEMALE LEARNERS, INCLUDING
31 FEMALE LEARNERS IN THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM,
32 PRIORITIZING AREAS WITH HIGH PREVALENCE OF ANEMIA: *PROVIDED*,
33 *FURTHER*, THAT THE NNC AND DOST-FNRI SHALL COORDINATE CLOSELY
34 WITH THE DEPED IN IDENTIFYING SUCH AREAS FOR EFFECTIVE PROGRAM
35 IMPLEMENTATION;

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37 "(e) Health Examination, Vaccination, and Deworming. – x x x;

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39 "(f) Gulayan sa Paaralan. – x x x;

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41 "(g) Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH). – x x x; [and]

1 “(h) Integrated Nutrition Education, Behavioral Transformation, and
2 Social Mobilization. – The Program shall be complemented by a public health,
3 nutrition, and values transformation campaign to promote a holistic and
4 integrated approach to health and nutrition education. Orientation-training
5 on the objectives and mechanics of the Program shall be held among
6 personnel of NGAs and LGUs concerned, [parent volunteers] PARENTS, OR
7 PARENT-SUBSTITUTES, OF THE BENEFICIARIES, and the parent-teachers
8 associations (PTAs) to generate support for the Program. The NGAs
9 concerned shall also endeavor to mobilize community organizations to
10 continue nutrition education outside of the school. THE NGAS AND LGUS
11 CONCERNED SHALL REGULARLY PROVIDE THE PARENTS, OR PARENT-
12 SUBSTITUTES, OF PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES WITH TAILORED HEALTH AND
13 NUTRITION EDUCATION WORKSHOPS. PARENTS, OR PARENT-
14 SUBSTITUTES, OF PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES SHALL BE REQUIRED TO
15 ATTEND SUCH WORKSHOPS AS DETERMINED BY THE CONCERNED
16 AUTHORITY[.]; AND

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18 “(I) CENTRAL KITCHEN IN EVERY SCHOOLS DIVISION. – SCHOOLS
19 DIVISION OFFICES MAY ESTABLISH CENTRAL KITCHENS AS MAY BE
20 NECESSARY, WHICH SHALL BE USED TO PREPARE AND FACILITATE
21 DISTRIBUTION OF FORTIFIED MEALS TO BENEFICIARIES WITHIN THEIR
22 JURISDICTION.

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24 “TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENT, SAFE, AND TIMELY PREPARATION AND
25 DISTRIBUTION OF FORTIFIED MEALS, EACH CENTRAL KITCHEN SHALL
26 MAINTAIN A STANDARDIZED STAFFING PATTERN APPROPRIATE TO ITS
27 MEAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY AND WORKFLOW DEMANDS, IN
28 ACCORDANCE WITH THE ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS DETERMINED
29 BY THE DEPED, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, AND DEPARTMENT OF
30 BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT.”

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32 “SEC. 5. *Prioritization in the Program Implementation.* – The NGAs shall
33 create a five (5)-year plan to fully implement the Program: *Provided,* That
34 the NGAs concerned shall prioritize the implementation of the Program in the
35 LGUs and public day care or elementary schools that meet any of the
36 following criteria:

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38 “(a) With the highest prevalence of undernutrition and [nutrient]
39 MICRONUTRIENT-deficiency among children aged three (3) years up to
40 grade six (6) level;

1 "x x x"

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3 **SEC. 2.** Section 7 of Republic Act No. 11037 is hereby amended to read as
4 follows:

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6 "SEC. 7. *Local Government Assistance.* – LGUs shall assist the NGAs in
7 the efficient and effective implementation of the Program in accordance with
8 Section 4 of this Act and shall be authorized to use a portion of the Special
9 Education Fund (SEF) [and/or their twenty percent (20%) development fund]
10 OR OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS, OR BOTH, as provided for in
11 Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of
12 1991", as amended, to augment the appropriations available under the
13 General Appropriations Act (GAA)."

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15 **SEC. 3.** New sections 8, 9 and 10 are hereby inserted in Republic Act No. 11037 to
16 read as follows:

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18 "SEC. 8. *PROCUREMENT OF PRODUCE FROM SMALL-SCALE FARMERS*
19 *AND FISHERFOLK.* – CONSISTENT WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11321, OR THE
20 "SAGIP SAKA ACT", THE GOVERNMENT SHALL DIRECTLY PURCHASE THE
21 AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY PRODUCTS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE
22 NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM FROM QUALIFIED AND ACCREDITED
23 FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK COOPERATIVES AND ENTERPRISES, IN
24 ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12009, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
25 THE "NEW GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT ACT," ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES
26 AND REGULATIONS, AND APPLICABLE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE
27 GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY BOARD.

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29 "AT ALL TIMES, AT LEAST THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OF THE TOTAL
30 VOLUME OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY PRODUCTS REQUIRED FOR THE
31 PROGRAM SHALL BE SOURCED DIRECTLY FROM LOCAL FARMERS AND
32 FISHERFOLK, GIVING PRIORITY TO SMALL-SCALE LOCAL FARMERS AND
33 FISHERFOLK. SOURCING FROM LOCAL FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK OTHER
34 THAN SMALL-SCALE LOCAL FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK SHALL ONLY BE
35 ALLOWED IF THEIR PRODUCE IS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE FULL
36 REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM."

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38 "SEC. 9. *REGISTRY OF SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS.* – THE DA SHALL
39 KEEP A LIST OF SMALL-SCALE PRODUCERS. IT SHALL USE THE FARMERS
40 AND FISHERFOLK ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

(FFEDIS), REGISTRY FOR BASIC SECTORS IN AGRICULTURE (RSBSA), THE REGIONAL FIELD OFFICE (RFO) LIST OF BENEFICIARIES, THE BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES' NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL FISHERFOLK REGISTRATION (BFAR FISH R) 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."

"SEC. 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 OTHER TOPIC THE DAR SEES FIT;

"B. SUBSIDIZED FARM EQUIPMENT;

"C. FACILITIES FOR STORAGE AND HARVESTING;

"D. CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SMALL-SCALE FARMER;

"E. ACCESS TO CROP INSURANCE; AND

"F. ACCESS TO CREDIT/LOW INTEREST RATES."

SEC. 4. Section 8 of Republic Act No. 11037 is hereby renumbered as section 11 and amended as follows:

"SEC. [8] 11. *Private Sector Participation.* – The NGAs shall encourage the participation of the private sector in the Program which shall include, among others, PTAs, private corporations, peoples and nongovernment organizations and such other groups or organizations, both foreign and local, that may want to be partner in whole or in part with the implementation of the Program: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE DEPED, DSWD, AND DA SHALL STRENGTHEN LINKAGES WITH MICRO, SMALL, AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES AND COMMUNITY-BASED AND GRASSROOTS INITIATIVES FROM WHICH DEPED SHALL SOURCE THE MEALS FOR THE PROGRAM, WHENEVER

1 PRACTICABLE; *PROVIDED, FURTHER*, THAT ALL PARTNERSHIPS SHALL
2 ADHERE TO EXISTING LAWS, GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES AND OTHER
3 APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE
4 PARTNERSHIPS.”

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6 **SEC. 5.** Sections 9 and 10 of Republic Act No. 11037 are hereby renumbered as
7 sections 12 and 13 respectively.

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9 “SEC. [9] 12. *Monitoring and Annual Report.* – x x x.”

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11 “SEC. [10] 13. *Tax Exemption.* – x x x.”

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13 **SEC. 6.** Section 11 of Republic Act No. 11037 is hereby renumbered as Section 14
14 and amended as follows:

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16 “SEC. [11] 14. *APPROPRIATIONS.* – THE AMOUNT NECESSARY [to
17 carry out the initial] FOR THE INITIAL implementation of this Act shall be
18 [sourced from] CHARGED AGAINST the CURRENT YEAR’S appropriations of
19 the [NGAs] DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
20 WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary
21 for the continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
22 General Appropriations Act [under the respective budgets of the NGAs].

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24 “THE LGUS CONCERNED MAY PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR
25 THE PURPOSE, IN THEIR RESPECTIVE ANNUAL BUDGETS”.

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27 **SEC. 7.** Section 12 of Republic Act No. 11037 is hereby renumbered as Section 15.

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29 “SEC. [12] 15. *Procurement of Goods and Services.* – x x x.”

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31 **SEC. 8.** A new section 16 is hereby inserted in Republic Act No. 11037 to read as
32 follows:

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34 “SEC. 16. *TRANSITORY PROVISION.* – WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS FROM
35 THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, THE DSWD, DEPED, AND DA SHALL EACH
36 UPDATE THEIR RESPECTIVE AND EXISTING POLICIES, RULES, AND
37 REGULATIONS IN LIGHT OF, AND RELEVANT TO, THIS ACT.”

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39 **SEC. 9.** *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within ninety (90) days from the
40 effectivity of this Act, the DepEd and DSWD shall, in consultation with the DA, DOH,
41 NNC, DOST-FNRI, Department of the Interior and Local Government, and concerned

1 LGUs, and such other relevant government agencies, nongovernment organizations, and
2 development partners, promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective
3 implementation of this Act.
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5 **SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.*** – Republic Act No. 11037 is hereby amended. All laws,
6 presidential decrees, executive orders, resolutions, rules and regulations or parts thereof
7 which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended
8 accordingly.
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10 **SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.*** – Should any provision of this Act or any part hereof
11 be declared unconstitutional, the other provisions or parts not affected thereby shall
12 remain in force and effect.
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14 **SEC. 12. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its
15 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,