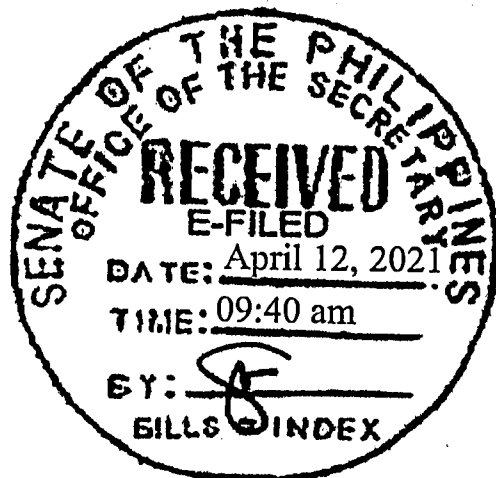


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SENATE

P.S. Res. No. 696

Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

RESOLUTION

URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9242, OR THE ACT PRESCRIBING THE USE OF THE PHILIPPINE TROPICAL FABRICS FOR UNIFORMS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE OVERSIGHT FUNCTION OF CONGRESS

1 WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9242 or An Act Prescribing the Use of the Philippine
2 Tropical Fabrics for Uniforms of Public Officials and Employees and for Other Purposes
3 was signed into law on February 10, 2004;

4 WHEREAS, the said law declared as a State policy "to instill patriotism and
5 nationalism among the people, especially public officials and employees" and to
6 "promote the preferential use of locally manufactured goods that utilize local
7 resources, adopt measures that help make them competitive and thus generate wider
8 employment and greater benefits to the country";

9 WHEREAS, Sections 3 and 4 of the said law prescribe the use of Philippine
10 tropical fabrics, purchased from local sources, for official uniforms of government
11 officials and employees and for other purposes which require the use of fabrics in
12 government offices and functions;

13 WHEREAS, Rule II of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the said law
14 provides that all fabrics to be used for uniforms and for other purposes shall contain
15 at least 5% by weight for abaca, banana, and pineapple and 15% by weight for silk;

16 WHEREAS, Rule III of the law's IRR provides that exemption from the use of
17 Philippine tropical fabrics may be allowed only if said fabric's properties and standards

1 do not meet the requirements for specialty type fabrics such as firemen's uniform,
2 sports uniform, bullet-proof vest, etc of a particular agency/organization;

3 WHEREAS, according to the Inventory of Government Human Resource of the
4 Civil Service Commission (CSC), there are 1,762,301 career and non-career
5 government personnel, as of August 31, 2020;

6 WHEREAS, in a 2019 conference, Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI)
7 lamented that "the utilization of Philippine Tropical Fabrics by government employees
8 and officials has been dismally low for a very simple reason: the lack of supply on a
9 commercial scale¹";

10 WHEREAS, in an online forum, PTRI shared that while there are tens of
11 thousands of hectares of plantations as sources of natural fibers from abaca, banana
12 and pineapple, there is a huge gap in the processing of these fibers, before they are
13 woven and turned into fabrics;

14 WHEREAS, seventeen (17) years since the enactment of the law, its actual
15 benefits to the textile industry, as well as to the farmers and the agriculture sector,
16 have yet to be realized;

17 WHEREAS, as the national economy strives to recover from the ill effects of the
18 Covid-19 pandemic, there is a need to fully support local businesses and industries,
19 and to channel government resources into initiatives which sustain, assist and develop
20 local products, livelihood of communities, and economic activities in the countryside;

21 WHEREAS, the use of Philippine tropical fabrics is consistent and compliant with
22 the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), particularly Goal 12: Ensure
23 sustainable consumption and production patterns, Goal 8: Promote sustained,
24 inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and
25 decent work for all, Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls,
26 among others;

27 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate,
28 that the appropriate Senate Committee look into the implementation of Republic Act
29 No. 9242, or the Act Prescribing the Use of the Philippine Tropical Fabrics for Uniforms

¹ "Mainstreaming of the Philippine Tropical Fabrics, An Essential Boost for the Revitalization of the Philippine Textile Industry." <https://ptri.dost.gov.ph/9-transparency-seal/254-mainstreaming-of-the-philippine-tropical-fabrics-an-essential-boost-for-the-revitalization-of-the-philippine-textile-industry>

- 1 of Public Officials and Employees and for Other Purposes, in the performance of the
- 2 oversight function of Congress.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.