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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS PROJECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Republic Act No. 8435, otherwise known as the "*Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997*", defines "*Farm-to-Market Roads*" as "roads linking the agriculture and fisheries production sites, coastal landing points and post-harvest facilities to the market and arterial roads and highways." Under Section 52 of the said law, the Department of Agriculture is mandated to "coordinate with the LGUs and the resident-farmers and fisherfolk in order to identify priority locations of farm-to-market roads that take into account the number of farmers and fisherfolk and their families who shall benefit therefrom and the amount, kind and importance of agricultural fisheries products produced in the area." The same Section further provides that, "Construction of farm-to-market roads shall be a priority investment of the LGUs which shall provide a counterpart of not less than ten percent (10%) of the project cost subject to their IRA level."

Farm-to-Market roads allow farmers to easily deliver their farm products to the market, which allows them to save time and money, thereby giving them higher returns in their harvest. Apart from this, the said roads are also being utilized by the general public, which facilitates faster and safer transport for both people and products, as well as faster delivery of government services, especially in far-flung areas.

The "*Farm-to-Market Roads for All Act of 2022*" seeks to provide adequate and appropriate services, infrastructure and resources in the country through the establishment of a mechanism that will ensure the fair and equitable allocation of farm-to-market road projects of the Department of Agriculture (DA). Specific percentages of the said DA projects are allocated to ensure that all local government units will benefit from it.

This measure was introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto in the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is highly recommended.



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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 "Farm-to-Market Roads  
2 for All Act of 2022".

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It Is hereby declared the policy of the State to  
4 encourage rural development and to empower the agricultural sector towards  
5 meaningful and inclusive economic development. Accordingly, the State shall provide  
6 for the development of the agricultural sector of the entire country, through the fair  
7 and equitable provision of adequate and appropriate services, infrastructure and  
8 resources. With this end in view, the State shall ensure the effective utilization of  
9 government resources, through the establishment of a mechanism that would ensure  
10 the fair and equitable allocation of farm-to-market road projects of the Department of  
11 Agriculture (DA).

12 Sec. 3. *Definition of Farm-to-Market Road.* - For purposes of this Act, the term  
13 "Farm-to-Market Road" refers to the road linking the agriculture and fisheries  
14 production sites, coastal landing points, and post-harvest facilities to the markets, and  
15 arterial roads or highways.

16 Sec. 4. *Allocation of Farm-to-Market Roads.* - Notwithstanding Any provision  
17 of the law to the contrary, the appropriation for farm-to-market road projects under  
18 the DA shall be allocated among provinces and municipalities in the following manner:

1 a. Thirty percent (30%) of farm-to-market road appropriations to be allocated for  
2 provinces; and

3 b. Seventy percent (70%) of farm-to-market road appropriations to be allocated  
4 for municipalities:

5 *Provided*, That the share of each province and municipality shall be determined  
6 on the basis of the following formula:

7 a. Twenty-five percent (25%) of farm-to-market road appropriations to be  
8 allocated *pro rata* according to the population of the province or municipality in  
9 relation to the total population of the country;

10 b. Fifty percent (50%) of farm-to-market road appropriations to be allocated *pro*  
11 *rata* according to the land area of the municipality in relation to the total land  
12 area of the country; and

13 c. Twenty-five percent (25%) of farm-to-market road appropriations to be  
14 allocated among the provinces or municipalities.

15 *Sec. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* – Within sixty (60) days  
16 from the effectivity of this Act, the DA shall, in coordination with the Department of  
17 Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Department of Budget and Management  
18 (DBM), promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to efficiently implement the  
19 provisions of this Act.

20 *Sec. 6. Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or  
21 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise  
22 affected shall remain in full force and effect.

23 *Sec. 7. Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
24 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to, or  
25 inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended  
26 accordingly.

27 *Sec. 8. Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
28 complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general  
29 circulation in the Philippines.

*Approved,*