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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to correct an unintended consequence of the enactment of the Customs Brokers Act of 2004: that instead of facilitating trade, it has established barriers to trade.

The law, in its present form, prohibits firms, companies, or associations from being registered or licensed for the practice of the customs broker profession. The private sector notes that this provision limits the practice to single brokers—who have limited bonding, security, financial, transport, and other capabilities—and is contrary to international best practice. Furthermore, it could jeopardize the jobs of those employed in 800 existing brokerage companies.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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Senator

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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9280, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"CUSTOMS BROKER ACT OF 2004," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 29 of Republic Act No. 9280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 "SEC. 29. [Prohibition Against Corporate Practice] *ADMISSION TO*
3 *PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE.* – The practice of customs broker is a
4 professional service, admission to which shall be determined upon the basis of
5 individual and personal qualification. [No firm, company, or association may
6 be registered or licensed as such for the practice of customs service broker
7 profession.]

8 SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees and orders or parts thereof inconsistent
9 herewith are deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

10 SEC. 3. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its
11 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,