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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 55

Jointly prepared and submitted by the Committees on Energy, Agriculture and Food, and Finance on 14 MAR 2006

RE : Senate Bill No. 2226 prepared by the Committees.

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1587, 1677, 1907, 2007, 2083, 2159, 2178, 2179 and 2185, taking into consideration House Bill No. 4629.

Sponsor : Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committees on Energy, Agriculture and Food, and Finance, to which were referred Senate Bill No. 1587, introduced by Senator Santiago, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
TO PROVIDE FOR A BIOFUEL FEEDSTOCKS ENERGY RESERVE, AND TO  
AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO MAKE AND  
GUARANTEE LOANS FOR THE PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION,  
DEVELOPMENT AND STORAGE OF BIOFUELS.”**

Senate Bill No. 1677, introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr., entitled:

**“AN ACT  
TO PROMOTE THE USE OF ETHYL ALCOHOL OR ETHANOL AS ALTERNATIVE  
TRANSPORT FUEL, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL FUEL  
ETHANOL PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.”**

Senate Bill No. 1907, introduced by Senator Santiago, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
MANDATING THE USE OF ETHANOL AS ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT FUEL,  
ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE, THE NATIONAL FUEL ETHANOL PROGRAM,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”**

Senate Bill No. 2007, introduced by Senator Santiago, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
TO MANDATE THE USE OF BIOFUELS IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR,  
ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL BIOFUEL PROGRAM,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”**

Senate Bill No. 2083, introduced by Senator Cayetano, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
REGULATING THE USE OF DIESEL FUEL BY REQUIRING THE MANDATORY USE  
OF MORE EFFICIENT AND ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY BIODIESEL,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**

Senate Bill No. 2159, introduced by Senator Recto, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
MANDATING THE USE OF BIOETHANOL OR ETHYL ALCOHOL AS TRANSPORT  
FUEL AND SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF OTHER BIOFUELS,  
ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL BIOFUELS PROGRAM,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**

Senate Bill No. 2178, introduced by Senator Roxas, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
TO PROMOTE THE PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND USE OF ALTERNATIVE  
FUELS AND MOTOR VEHICLES POWERED BY FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGY,  
HYBRID TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRIC POWER TECHNOLOGY, OR OTHER  
ALTERNATIVE FUEL MOTOR VEHICLE TECHNOLOGIES,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**

Senate Bill No. 2179, introduced by Senator Gordon, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
TO PROMOTE THE USE OF BIOFUELS BY ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL  
BIOFUELS PROGRAM AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**

Senate Bill No. 2185, introduced by Senator Angara, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
MANDATING THE USE OF BIOFUELS AS QUALITY-ENHANCING  
ADDITIVES IN GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL FOR TRANSPORT USE,  
ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL  
BIOFUELS PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**

House Bill No. 4629, introduced by Representatives Badelles, Zubiri, Carmona, Figueroa, Marañon, Mangudadatu, Paras, Susano, Arroyo I., Gidaya, Puentevella, Chatto, Alfelor, Andaya, Aquino R., Macapagal Arroyo, Bondoc, Cari, Garin, Apostol, Gozos, Guingona, Lacson, Lopus, Macias, Nepomuceno, Petilla, Reyes V., Teodoro, Teves, Vargas, Villafuerte, Hizon, Bateria, Cua J., Datumanong, Singson, Tomawis, Rosales, Aguja, De Guzman, Aquino A., Virador, Ocampo, Mariano, Pablo, Madamba, Valdez, Maza and Del Mar, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
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APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,” and**

have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached SB No. 2226, prepared by the Committees, entitled:


**“AN ACT  
TO MANDATE THE USE OF BIOFUELS IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR,  
ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE BIOFUEL PROGRAM,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**


be approved in substitution of SB Nos. 1587, 1677, 1907, 2007, 2083, 2159, 2178, 2179, and 2185, taking into consideration HB No. 4629, with Senators Santiago, Pimentel Jr., Cayetano, Recto, Roxas, Gordon, and Angara, as authors thereof.

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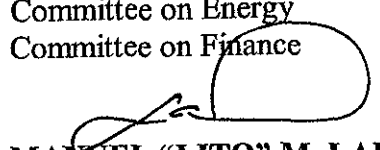
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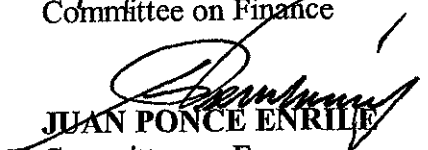
  
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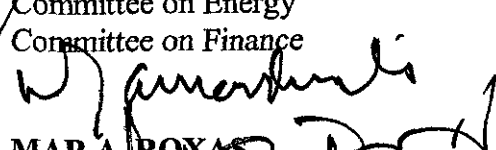
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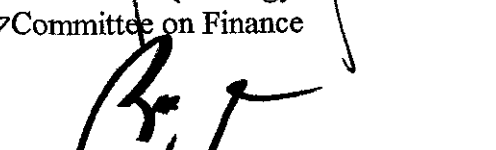
  
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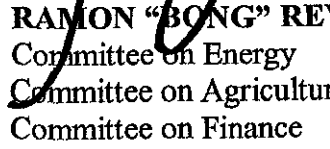
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in  
Congress assembled:*

1           SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Biofuels Act of  
2 2006.”

3           SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the  
4 State to pursue energy independence consistent with the country’s sustainable  
5 economic growth that would expand opportunities for livelihood, with due regard to  
6 the protection of public health and the environment by mandating the use of biofuels  
7 as a measure to:

- 8           a) develop and utilize indigenous renewable energy sources to reduce  
9                                   dependence on imported oil;  
10           b) mitigate toxic and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; and  
11           c) increase rural employment and income.

12           SECTION 3. *Definition of Terms.* As used in this Act, the following terms  
13 shall be taken to mean as follows:

- 14           a) *AFTA* – shall refer to the ASEAN Free Trade Agreement;  
15           b) *Alternative Fuel Vehicles* – shall refer to vehicles that use alternative fuels  
16                                   such as biodiesel, bioethanol, natural gas, electricity, hydrogen and  
17                                   automotive LPG, instead of gasoline and diesel;  
18           c) *Bioethanol* – shall refer to ethanol (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH) produced from biomass;  
19           d) *Biodiesel* – shall refer to Fatty Acid Methyl Ester (FAME) or mono-alkyl  
20                                   esters derived from vegetable oils or animal fats for use in diesel engines,

1 with quality specifications in accordance with the Philippine National  
2 Standards (PNS);

3 e) **Bioethanol Fuel** – shall refer to hydrous or anhydrous bioethanol suitably  
4 denatured for use as motor fuel, with quality specifications in accordance  
5 with the Philippine National Standards (PNS);

6 f) **Biofuel** – shall refer to bioethanol and biodiesel and other fuels made from  
7 biomass and primarily used for motive, thermal and power generation, with  
8 quality specifications in accordance with the PNS;

9 g) **Biomass** -- shall refer to any organic matter, particularly cellulosic or ligno-  
10 cellulosic matter, which is available on a renewable or recurring basis,  
11 including trees, crops and associated residues, plant fiber, poultry litter and  
12 other animal wastes, industrial wastes, and the biodegradable component of  
13 municipal solid waste;

14 h) **DA** – shall refer to the Department of Agriculture created under Executive  
15 Order No. 116, as amended;

16 i) **DOE**– shall refer to the Department of Energy created under Republic Act  
17 No. 7638, as amended;

18 j) **DENR** – shall refer to the Department of Environment and Natural  
19 Resources created under Executive Order No. 192, as amended;

20 k) **Diesel** – shall refer to refined petroleum distillate, which may contain small  
21 amount of hydrocarbon or non-hydrocarbon additives to improve ignition  
22 quality or other characteristics, suitable for compression ignition engine  
23 and other suitable types of engine with quality specifications in accordance  
24 with the PNS;

25 l) **DOF** -- shall refer to the Department of Finance created under  
26 Administrative Order Nos. 127 and 127-A;

27 m) **DOST** – shall refer to the Department of Science and Technology created  
28 under Republic Act No. 2067;

29 n) **DOTC** – shall refer to the Department of Transportation and  
30 Communication created under Executive Order No. 125-A, as amended;

31 o) **DTI** – shall refer to the Department of Trade and Industry created under  
32 Executive Order No. 133;

33 p) **Feedstock** – shall refer to organic sources or biomass used in the  
34 production of biofuels;

35 q) **Gasoline** – shall refer to volatile mixture of liquid hydrocarbon, generally  
36 containing small amount of additives, suitable for use as a fuel in spark-  
37 ignition internal combustion engine with quality specifications in  
38 accordance with the PNS;

- 1 r) **Motor fuel** – shall refer to all volatile and inflammable liquids and gas  
2 produced, blended or compounded for the purpose of, or which are suitable  
3 or practicable for, operating motor vehicles;
- 4 s) **PBB or Board** – shall refer to the Philippine Biofuel Board created under  
5 Section 7 of this Act;
- 6 t) **Renewable Energy Sources** – shall refer to energy sources that do not have  
7 an upper limit on the total quantity to be used. Such resources are  
8 renewable on a regular basis, and whose renewal rate is relatively rapid to  
9 consider availability over an indefinite period of time;
- 10 u) **Transport Sector** – as used in this Act, shall refer to transport system; and,  
11 v) **WTO** – shall refer to the World Trade Organization.

12 SECTION 4. **Mandatory Use of Biofuels.** Pursuant to the above policy, it is  
13 hereby enacted that all liquid fuels for motors and engines sold in the Philippines shall  
14 contain locally-sourced components as follows:

15 4.1 Within two (2) years from the effectivity of this Act, a minimum of five  
16 percent (5%) bioethanol fuel by volume shall be blended into all gasoline fuel  
17 distributed and sold in the country provided that the ethanol blends conforms  
18 to PNS on fuel ethanol. The Philippine Biofuel Board (PBB) created under  
19 this Act is empowered to determine the feasibility and thereafter mandate a  
20 total of ten percent (10%) blend of bioethanol by volume within four (4) years  
21 from effectivity of this Act.

22 4.2 Immediately upon effectivity of the IRR of this Act, a minimum of one  
23 percent (1%) biodiesel by volume shall be blended into all diesel engine fuels  
24 sold in the country, provided the biodiesel blend conforms to PNS for  
25 biodiesel. The Philippine Biofuel Board (PBB) created under this Act is  
26 empowered to determine the feasibility and thereafter mandate a total of two  
27 percent (2%) blend of biodiesel by volume within two (2) years from  
28 effectivity of this Act.

29 4.3 The Philippine Biofuel Board shall periodically review and assess the  
30 economic, technical, environmental and social impact of the use of bioethanol  
31 fuel and biodiesel as well as the availability and security of supply and shall  
32 determine the appropriate minimum blend, subject to the provision in Section  
33 8(c) of this Act.

34 SECTION 5. **Incentive Scheme.** – To encourage investments in the  
35 production, distribution and use of locally-produced biofuels at and above the  
36 minimum mandated blends, the following incentive scheme is hereby provided:

- 37 a) Specific Tax

38 The specific tax on biofuels, per liter of volume capacity, shall be zero (0).

1           b) Duties on Plant Investments

2           Entities that are accredited by the DOE in accordance with this Act, within  
3           five (5) years from the effectivity hereof, shall be allowed to import exempt  
4           from duties such machinery and equipment actually, directly and  
5           exclusively for use in the production of biofuels for a period of five (5)  
6           years from the date of DOE accreditation. Provided, however, that the  
7           imported machinery and equipment are not manufactured domestically in  
8           sufficient quantity, of comparable quality, and at competitive prices.

9           c) Board of Investments (BOI) Incentives

10          Subject to the rules and regulations of the BOI, all investments in the  
11          production, blending, and distribution of biofuels and adoption of biofuel-  
12          compliant vehicle technologies shall enjoy the applicable fiscal and non-  
13          fiscal incentives as may be provided for under the Omnibus Investment  
14          Code, as amended;

15          d) Water Effluents

16          All water effluents such as but not limited to distillery slops from the  
17          production of biofuels used as liquid fertilizer and for other agricultural  
18          purposes are considered reuse, and are therefore, not covered under Section  
19          13 of Republic Act No. 9275, also known as the Philippine Clean Water  
20          Act; Provided, however, that such application shall be in accordance with  
21          the guidelines issued pursuant to R.A. No. 9275, subject to the monitoring  
22          and evaluation by DENR and approved by DA.

23          e) Financial Assistance

24          Government financial institutions, such as the Development Bank of the  
25          Philippines, Land Bank of the Philippines, Quedancor and such other  
26          government institutions providing financial services, shall in accordance  
27          with and to the extent allowed by the enabling provisions of their  
28          respective charters or applicable laws, accord high priority to extend  
29          financing to entities that shall engage in activities involving production,  
30          storage, handling and transport of biofuel and biofuel feedstock, including  
31          the blending of biofuels with petroleum, as certified by the DOE.

32          **SECTION 6. Powers and Functions of the Department of Energy.** - In  
33          addition to its existing powers and functions, the Department of Energy is hereby  
34          mandated to take appropriate and necessary actions to implement the Philippine  
35          Biofuel Program. In pursuance thereof, the Department shall:

- 36           a)       Formulate within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act the  
37           Implementing Rules and Regulations under Section 14 of this Act;



- 1           b)       Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, prepare the  
2           Philippine Biofuel Program consistent with the Philippine Energy Plan and  
3           taking into consideration the DOE's existing biofuels program;
- 4           c)       Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act:  
5           (1) Establish standards for biofuels and biofuel-blended gasoline and  
6           diesel; and,  
7           (2) Establish guidelines for the transport, storage and handling of biofuels;
- 8           d)       Impose fines and penalties against persons or entities found to have  
9           committed any of the prohibited acts under Section 11 (b) to (d) of this  
10          Act;
- 11          e)       Stop the sale of biofuels and biofuel-blended gasoline and diesel that is  
12          not in conformity with the specifications provided for under Section 4 of  
13          this Act, the PNS and corresponding issuances of the Department; and,  
14          f)       Conduct an information campaign to promote the use of biofuels.

15          **SECTION 7. *Creation of the Philippine Biofuel Board.*** – The Philippine  
16          Biofuel Board is hereby created. It shall be composed of the Secretary of the  
17          Department of Energy or his designated Undersecretary as Chairman and the  
18          Secretaries or the designated undersecretaries or assistant secretaries of the  
19          Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Science and Technology  
20          (DOST), Department of Agriculture and Food (DAF), Department of Transportation  
21          and Communications (DOTC), Department of Finance (DOF – Bureau of Internal  
22          Revenue, Bureau of Customs and Tariff Commission) and the Department of  
23          Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); one (1) representative each from the  
24          biofuel industry, the petroleum industry and the automotive industry duly endorsed by  
25          their respective industry associations and appointed by the President of the Republic  
26          of the Philippines.

27          The DOE Secretary or his designated Undersecretary, in his capacity as  
28          Chairperson, shall, within one (1) month from the effectivity of this Act, convene the  
29          PBB.

30          The Board shall be assisted by a Technical Secretariat attached to the Office of  
31          the Secretary or the Office of the Undersecretary of the DOE as the case maybe. It  
32          shall be headed by a Director to be appointed by the Board. The number of staff of the  
33          Technical Secretariat and the corresponding positions shall be determined by the  
34          Board, subject to approval by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and  
35          existing civil service rules and regulations.

36          **SECTION 8. *Powers and Functions of the PBB.*** – The Philippine Biofuel  
37          Board shall have the following powers and functions:

- 1 a) Review, monitor the implementation of, and evaluate for further expansion,  
2 the Philippine Biofuel Program prepared by the DOE pursuant to Section 6  
3 (b) of this Act;
- 4 b) Monitor the supply and utilization of biofuels and biofuel blends and  
5 recommend appropriate measures in cases of shortage of feedstock supply  
6 for approval of the Secretary of DOE;
- 7 c) Review and adjust the minimum mandated biofuel blends as it deems  
8 appropriate, subject to publication; provided that the minimum blend shall  
9 not be lowered within seven (7) years from the effectivity or full  
10 implementation of the mandated minimum blend as provided for in Section  
11 4 of this Act;
- 12 d) Recommend a program that will ensure the availability of alternative fuel  
13 technology for vehicles, engines and parts in consonance with the  
14 mandated minimum biofuel blends, and to maximize the utilization of  
15 biofuels, for the adoption and implementation of appropriate government  
16 agencies;
- 17 e) Recommend specific actions to be executed by the DOE and other  
18 appropriate agencies of government concerning the implementation of the  
19 Philippine Biofuel Program.

20 **SECTION 9. *Role of Government Agencies.*** – To ensure the effective  
21 implementation of the Philippine Biofuel Program, concerned agencies shall perform  
22 the following functions:

- 23 a) The Department of Finance shall:
- 24 (1) In coordination with the Tariff Commission, create and classify a tariff  
25 line for biofuels and biofuel blends in consideration of WTO and  
26 AFTA agreements.
- 27 (2) Monitor the production and importation of biofuels through the Bureau  
28 of Internal Revenue and the Bureau of Customs.
- 29 (3) Through the Bureau of Internal Revenue and Bureau of Customs,  
30 impose fines and penalties on any person or juridical entity committing  
31 the prohibited act under Section 11(a) of this Act.
- 32 b) The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Department  
33 of Agriculture (DA) shall coordinate in identifying and developing viable  
34 feedstock for the production of biofuels.
- 35 b) The DOST through the Philippine Council for Industry and Energy  
36 Research and Development (PCIERD) shall develop and implement a  
37 research and development program supporting a sustainable improvement

1 in biofuel production and utilization technology. It shall also publish and  
2 promote related technologies developed locally and abroad.

3 c) The DA through its relevant agencies shall:

4 (1) Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, develop a  
5 national program for the production of crops for use as feedstock  
6 supply. For this purpose, the Administrators of the Sugar Regulatory  
7 Administration and the Philippine Coconut Authority, and other DA-  
8 attached agencies shall, within their authority, develop and implement  
9 policies supporting the Philippine Biofuel Program and submit the  
10 same to the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture for  
11 consideration.

12 (2) Ensure increased productivity and sustainable supply of biofuel  
13 feedstocks. It shall institute a program that would guarantee that a  
14 sufficient and reliable supply of feedstocks is allocated for biofuel  
15 production.

16 (3) Publish information on available and suitable areas for cultivation and  
17 production of such crops.

18 e) The Department of Trade and Industry shall:

19 (1) Include in its Motor Vehicle Development Program the  
20 development and promotion of the manufacture and/or investment  
21 in production of alternative fuel vehicles.

22 (2) Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, develop and  
23 adopt standards for vehicles and vehicle parts and components for  
24 incorporation into and in support of the Philippine Biofuel Program  
25 intended to ensure compliance with safety and fuel efficiency  
26 requirements as well as emission standards. The DTI, in  
27 coordination with the DOE, the DOTC and the DENR shall ensure  
28 the strict enforcement of these standards.

29 f) The Local Government Units (LGUs) shall assist the DOE in monitoring the  
30 distribution, sale and use of biofuels and biofuel blends.

31 **SECTION 10. Oversight Committee on Biofuels** – It is hereby mandated to  
32 create an oversight committee on biofuels headed by the chairpersons of the  
33 Committee on Energy of both houses of Congress to monitor and ensure the  
34 implementation of the provisions of this Act.

35 **SECTION 11. Prohibited Acts.** – The following acts shall be prohibited:

36 a) Diversion of biofuels, whether locally produced or imported;

37 b) Sale and use of pure gasoline or diesel and / or biofuel-blended gasoline or  
38 diesel in violation of the requirement under Section 4 of the Act;

- 1 c) Non-compliance with the established standards and guidelines of the DOE  
2 adopted for the implementation of this Act; and  
3 d) Mislabeled, misleading or fallacious labeling of gasoline, diesel, biofuels and  
4 biofuel-blended gasoline and diesel.

5 SECTION 12. **Penal Provisions.** – Any person, including but not limited to the  
6 chief operating officer, chief executive officer of the partnership, corporation or any  
7 entity involved, in violation of any provision of this Act shall suffer the penalty of  
8 three (3) months to one (1) year imprisonment and a fine ranging from fifty thousand  
9 pesos (P50,000.00) to three hundred thousand pesos (P300,000.00).

10 In addition, the DOE shall confiscate any amount of such products that fail to  
11 comply with the requirements of Sections 4 and 5 of this Act, and implementing  
12 issuances of the DOE. The DOE shall stop the operation of businesses for refusal to  
13 comply with any order or instruction of the DOE Secretary in the exercise of his  
14 functions under this Act.

15 SECTION 13. **Appropriations.** – The fund necessary for the initial  
16 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the  
17 Department. Thereafter, the fund necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act  
18 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

19 SECTION 14. **Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The DOE, through the  
20 Philippine Biofuel Board, in consultation with the Committees of Energy of the Senate  
21 and the House of Representatives, the stakeholders and other agencies concerned, shall  
22 within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, promulgate the implementing  
23 rules and regulations of this Act: *Provided*, That prior to its effectivity, the draft of the  
24 implementing rules and regulations shall be posted at the DOE Website for at least one  
25 (1) month, and shall be published in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

26 SECTION 15. **Repealing Clause.** – All laws, presidential decrees or issuances,  
27 executive orders, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof  
28 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, modified or amended  
29 accordingly.

30 SECTION 16. **Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act is declared  
31 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other  
32 provisions hereof.

33 SECTION 17. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
34 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

35 Approved,