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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Because times are difficult, price oftentimes becomes the determining factor when groups of people go out and eat in restaurants. Sometimes, however, people get shocked when the time comes for them to settle the bill - the price is markedly different from what was advertised because of unexpected additional charges. However, as the food has already been eaten and the service has already been performed, customers have no option but to pay to save face.

This bill seeks to protect people from having to pay unexpected prices by requiring restaurants to conspicuously post menus including the prices of all food available therein and all additional charges of whatever nature the establishment seeks to impose.¹


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¹ This bill was originally filed in the Thirteenth Congress, Third Regular Session.

1 Provided, however, that no portion of this Section shall in any way limit a restaurant from
2 providing its customers with unannounced specials the price of which is disclosed to the
3 customer at the time said customer is made aware of the special.

4 SECTION 4. *Exempt Food Sales; Exempt Establishments.* - This act shall not apply to
5 food vended by coin operated machines.

6 Restaurants which do not supply table service with waiters and/or waitresses who serve
7 food to the public or which provide counter service exclusively shall likewise not be subject to
8 the provisions of this Act.

9 SECTION 5. *Penalties.* - A violation of any of the provisions of this Act shall be
10 punishable by a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Pesos (P 5,000.00).

11 SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision, or part hereof, is held invalid or
12 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
13 valid and subsisting.

14 SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
15 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
16 with the provisions of this act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

17 SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
18 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation..

19 Approved,