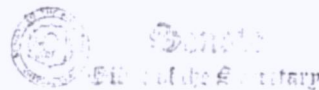


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The height, weight, and other measurements are the primary indicators of the quality of a product. If the actual measurements of a product do not meet what is published, then it is a likely indicator that it is defective or even substandard.

*Filipino* consumers must be protected from these defective and/or substandard products. Thus, the present measure seeks to mandate the establishment of "*Timbangan Centers*" in all public and private markets, supermarkets, groceries, stores, and malls. Such *Timbangan Centers* shall be publicly accessible locations where instruments for determining weights and measures shall be available free of charge to any individual who may want to verify the accuracy of the quantity and measurement of the products which they purchased.

Furthermore, market supervisors shall ensure the safekeeping and maintenance of such instruments. Market supervisors shall likewise keep a record of all products found to be wanting in quantity or substandard in dimension, the establishment where the same were bought, and the name of the proprietor or manager thereof.

Speedy approval of this measure is eagerly sought.

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

1 Section 1. *Short Title.*- This Act shall be known as the "*Timbangan sa*  
2 *Merkado Act of 2018*"

3 Sec. 2. *Amendatory Provision.*- A new Article 62-A is inserted in Chapter II of  
4 Republic Act No. 7394, otherwise known as the "*Consumer Act of the Philippines*",  
5 which shall read as follows:

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7 **ARTICLE 62-A. ESTABLISHMENT OF TIMBANGAN CENTERS.- ALL**  
8 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) SHALL ESTABLISH A**  
9 **"TIMBANGAN CENTER", IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MARKETS,**  
10 **SUPERMARKETS, GROCERIES, STORES, AND MALLS WITHIN**  
11 **THEIR JURISDICTION.**

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13 **FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS ACT, A "TIMBANGAN CENTER"**  
14 **SHALL BE A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE LOCATION WHEREIN**  
15 **INSTRUMENTS FOR DETERMINING THE LENGTH, WEIGHT, AND**  
16 **OTHER MEASUREMENTS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FREE OF**  
17 **CHARGE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WISHES TO VERIFY THE**

1           **ACCURACY OF THE MEASUREMENT OF THE PRODUCTS WHICH**  
2           **THEY WILL PURCHASE.**

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4           **THE SAFEKEEPING AND MAINTENANCE OF SAID INSTRUMENTS**  
5           **SHALL BE UNDER THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE**  
6           **MARKET SUPERVISOR WHO SHALL LIKEWISE KEEP A RECORD**  
7           **OF ALL PRODUCTS FOUND TO BE WANTING IN QUANTITY OR**  
8           **SUBSTANDARD IN DIMENSION, THE ESTABLISHMENT WHERE**  
9           **THE SAME WERE BOUGHT, THE NAME OF THE PROPRIETOR OR**  
10           **MANAGER THEREOF.**

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12           **A CERTIFICATION DULY ISSUED BY THE MARKET SUPERVISOR**  
13           **OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE REFLECTING THE**  
14           **CONTENTS OF SUCH RECORD SHALL BE CONSIDERED *PRIMA***  
15           ***FACIE* EVIDENCE OF VIOLATION OF THE ACTS PROHOBITED**  
16           **UNDER ARTICLE 64 OF THIS ACT.**

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18           *Sec. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations.-* Within thirty (30) days from the  
19           effectivity of this Act, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the  
20           Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall issue the rules and  
21           regulations necessary for the speedy and effective implementation of this Act.

22           *Sec. 4. Repealing Clause.-* All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,  
23           administrative issuances, and rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with  
24           this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

25           *Sec. 5. Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
26           publication in the *Official Gazette*.

*Approved.*