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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is a common practice of most food manufacturers and establishments to use staple wires in packaging food items of consumers.

Convenient, fast and practical as it may appear, the use of staple wires for packing food is definitely a health hazard. It runs the risk of getting mixed and consumed with the food without getting noticed or in some cases, the staple wires became rusty as a result of exposure to the elements.

In this modern age, there are several other available means in packaging food items that can be used as safer alternatives to staple wires.

This measure prohibits the use of staple wires in all forms of food packages in order to spare every consumer from getting victimized by the stated scenario

This simple piece of legislation can be considered worthwhile and meaningful even if it can only save the life of a single Filipino.

  
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AN ACT  
PROHIBITING THE USE OF STAPLE WIRES OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR FORM  
OF METAL OBJECTS AS MEDIUM FOR CLOSING AND SEALING FOOD  
ITEMS INSIDE ITS PACKAGING PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION  
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as "Staple Wires on  
Food Items Prohibition Act of 2006"

Sec. 2 *Definition of Terms.* – Whenever used in this Act, the following  
terms shall mean:

- a.) staple wires - shall refer to U-shaped wires or other similar forms of metal  
or hard plastic objects which are used for driving through layers of  
penetrable packaging material in order to hold, seal, close or secure any  
opening through clinching together of separate layers of a packaging ;
- b.) packaging – shall refer to bags, containers and wrappers, regardless of  
sizes, shapes and materials used; employed by food sellers to place food  
items being sold;
- c.) food items – all kinds of foods classified as manufactured, processed,  
non-processed, cooked and raw meat intended for human consumption;

Sec. 3. *Coverage.* – All food sellers comprising of hotels, restaurants, food  
chains, food manufacturers, canteens, markets, stores, vendors and other similar

establishments engaged in the activity of selling or producing food items, whether or not a registered business entity under the existing laws, shall be covered by this Act

Sec. 4. *Prohibited Act.* – Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, it shall be unlawful for food sellers to use staple wires as medium for closing, sealing or holding together packaging of food items manufactured, produced and sold in the market, including those used as outer packaging of food items already contained in a primary packaging.

Sec. 5. *Penalties.* - Any food sellers violating this act, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) but not more than Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00), or an imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both at the discretion of the court. Provided however, if the violation is made by a corporation, association, or partnership, the penalty provided herein shall be imposed upon the directors, president, or managing partners

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, or administrative rules and regulations or any part thereof which may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,