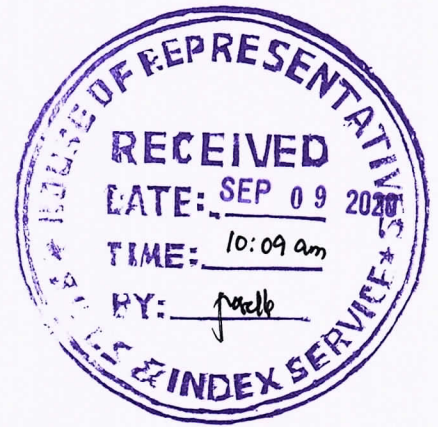


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In 2016, the Iglesia Ni Cristo launched a livelihood program dubbed as *Gulayan sa Bakuran* in which members of the church were taught the rudiments of organic farming and were given vegetable seedlings with which to jumpstart the program. Now, those who diligently took part in the program hardly ever worry about where to scramble for food. Now, more than ever, the program makes perfect sense.

The nation would do well to adopt this food generating project. By teaching every household the Fundamentals of organic farming and providing them with saplings, the government would take a quantum leap in the production of healthy and essential food.

The immediate passage of this very timely measure is thus most earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE *GULAYAN SA BAKURAN* PROGRAM OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO WITH THE END IN VIEW OF HELPING ALLEVIATE FOOD SHORTAGE IN THE LAND

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 the "Gulayan sa Bakuran National Food Production Program Act."

SEC. 2. *Gulayan sa Bakuran.* - With the end in view of addressing scarcity of food in the land, every household should get into the *Gulayan sa Bakuran* National Food Production Program whereby each household shall be equipped with agricultural knowledge and materials to carry out the same.

SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Local Governments, shall issue pertinent rules and regulations to effectively carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* - The amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the 2020 appropriations of the Department of Agriculture. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,