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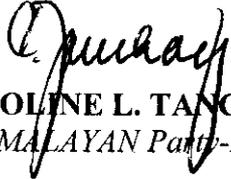
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Coffee Industry in the Philippines is widely composed of small coffee farmers with less than 5 hectares of land dedicated for coffee farms. As the national programs of the Philippines have been heavily focused on rice and coconuts; a lucrative industry, such as coffee, has been neglected. Despite the country being on the coffee belt and having fertile soil for coffee production, there has been little to no support for coffee farmers. Available programs on the Department of Agriculture can barely sustain the needs for coffee farmers and producers.

This bill seeks to provide financial and technical support for small coffee farmers and producers by giving them direct subsidies, providing governmental support for crop insurance programs for coffee, making available low-interest agricultural loans for coffee production, and equipment and infrastructure grants.

We believe that this will not only alleviate the lives of our small coffee farmers, but in the process, improve the Philippine Coffee Industry. By improving the existing coffee farms and paving the way for new ones, our country, which has once flourished in coffee production, has a chance to be a global net exporter of coffee.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR COFFEE
FARMERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS 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 the “Coffee Farmers Support Act of 2025.”

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the policy of the State to promote inclusive agricultural development, ensure food and income security, and enhance the productivity, sustainability, and competitiveness of local coffee farmers. The State recognizes the strategic role of coffee farming in rural development and commits to providing support through financial, technical, environmental, and market-based interventions.

Section 3. Objectives – This Act aims to:

- a. Provide direct financial subsidies to registered coffee farmers;
- b. Establish crop insurance programs specifically for coffee;
- c. Facilitate low-interest agricultural loans for coffee production and processing;
- d. Provide equipment and infrastructure grants to improve farm productivity and efficiency;
- e. Promote sustainable and climate-resilient coffee farming practices;
- f. Strengthen the coffee value chain and market competitiveness.

Section 4. Coffee Farmers Support Fund. - A Coffee Farmers Support Fund shall be established with an annual budget of ₱5 billion, to be managed by the Department of Agriculture (DA). The Fund shall be used for the following:

- a. **Direct Subsidies.** Eligible coffee farmers shall receive annual cash subsidies based on farm size, location, and production volume. Priority shall be given to smallholder and marginalized farmers. The Department of Agriculture, through the Secretary, shall establish programs for the implementation of this section.
- b. **Crop Insurance Program.** A Coffee Crop Insurance Program shall be established in partnership with the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC). Premiums shall be partially or fully subsidized by the government for registered coffee farmers.
- c. **Low-Interest Agricultural Loans.** The Land Bank of the Philippines and other accredited rural banks shall offer low-interest, collateral-free loans to individual coffee farmers and cooperatives. These loans shall cover farm inputs, labor, equipment, post-harvest operations, and processing.
- d. **Equipment and Infrastructure Grants.** Qualified farmers, associations, and cooperatives may apply for equipment grants such as depulpers, dryers, grinders, roasters, and irrigation tools.

The DA shall also fund the construction or improvement of shared infrastructure, such as roads, post-harvest facilities, and coffee processing hubs in key production areas.

Section 5. Technical Support and Training. - The DA shall provide ongoing technical assistance, farmer field schools, and training on organic practices, pest control, soil management, and climate resilience. This shall be done in collaboration with TESDA, State Universities and Colleges, and/or private agricultural institutions.

Section 6. Appropriations. - The amount of Five Billion Pesos (PhP5,000,000,000.00) shall be allocated annually, for a period of five years, from the General Appropriations Act of the Philippines or from any other sources that may be identified for the purpose of operation as contained in the foregoing provisions.

Section 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Agriculture shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations in consultation with relevant government agencies and coffee industry stakeholders.

Section 8. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.