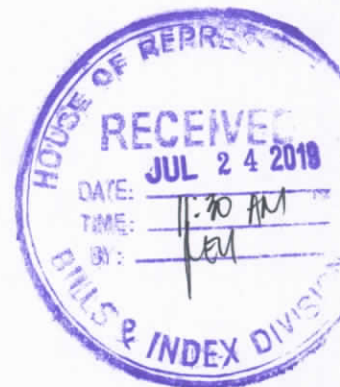


Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH (18<sup>th</sup>) CONGRESS  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 2591



---

Introduced by: **Representative Jose L. Atienza, Jr.**

---

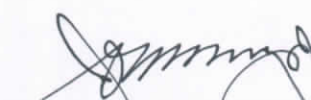
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The recent entry of P6.25 billion worth of shabu into the country, ironically through the Bureau of Customs' very own Green Lane, is a stark reflection of the ineffectiveness of the BOC's management and operations.

During the previous Congress, we had worked with the committee that crafted the law now known as Republic Act 10863, or the "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA)", for the purpose of making all cargo undergo mandatory for inspection and clearance before leaving the port of origin. But subsequent amendments by the House and Senate resulted in Section 440 of the CMTA, which called for a Voluntary program on Advance Customs Clearance.

This bill seeks to amend Section 440, by establishing a Mandatory Advance Customs Clearance and Control on Containerized cargoes.

This would ensure that all containerized cargo bound for the Philippines would undergo mandatory advance Customs inspection at the country of supply or export by an accredited third party cargo surveying company – at no cost to the government as it is the shipper that would shoulder the expense. If properly implemented, this would prevent illegal goods such as drugs and hazardous waste even reaching shores.

  
**JOSE L. ATIENZA, JR.**  
Representative, BUHAY Party-list

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH (18<sup>th</sup>) CONGRESS  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 2591

---

Introduced by: **Representative Jose L. Atienza, Jr.**

---

AN ACT  
AMENDING SECTION 440 OF REPUBLIC ACT 10863, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE “CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION AND TARIFF ACT  
(CMTA)”

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

SECTION 1. Section 400 R.A. 10863 is further amended as follows:

“SECTION 440. Establishment of Advance Customs Clearance and Control program – the Bureau SHALL establish and implement a MANDATORY advance customs clearance and control on containerized cargoes. The details and regulations to be issued by the Bureau after conducting the necessary public hearings and consultations with the concerned sectors.”

SECTION 2. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Approved.