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AN ACT

AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO PROVIDE FOR DIRECT CASH ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS WHO ARE TILLING TWO (2) HECTARES AND BELOW OF RICE LAND UNTIL 2024, AND USE FOR THE PURPOSE THE ANNUAL TARIFF REVENUES IN EXCESS OF P10 BILLION OF THE RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND CREATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11203, ENTITLED "AN ACT LIBERALIZING THE IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION AND TRADING OF RICE, LIFTING FOR THE PURPOSE THE QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTION ON RICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "Cash Assistance for Filipino
2 Farmers."

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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to address
5 the plight of small farmers in the country. The State recognizes the urgency of intervening for

1 our farmers in light of the current state of declining *palay* prices and the crippling effects of the
2 Corona Virus Disease -19 or Covid-19 pandemic. Towards this end, the State shall provide
3 monetary assistance to the hardest hit segments of the country’s small farmers in the form of
4 actual giving of cash to farmers.

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6 **SEC. 3. Authorization.** – The Department of Agriculture (DA) is hereby authorized to
7 use the monies from the annual tariff revenues in excess of Ten billion pesos (P10B), as provided
8 for in Section 13 of Republic Act 11203, on the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund
9 (RCEF), to directly provide cash assistance to farmers who are tilling two (2) hectares and below
10 of rice land until 2024. The Bureau of Customs (BOC) is hereby mandated to directly remit to
11 the DA the said excess funds.

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13 The BOC and the DA shall submit separate reports to Congress at the end of each year,
14 through the Committee on Agriculture and Food, on the remittance of funds and the actual
15 fund disbursement for the year, respectively.

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17 **SEC. 4. Funding.** – The source of funds for the annual direct cash assistance to farmers
18 shall be the excess of Ten billion pesos (P10B) of the annual tariff revenues from rice importation
19 pursuant to Republic Act No. 11203.

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21 **SEC. 5. Separability Clause.** – In case any provision or any part of this Act is declared
22 unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared and affected shall remain in force and
23 effect.

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

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29 **SEC. 7. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
30 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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