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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Laudable is the law's pursuit to instill patriotism and nationalism among Filipinos, with the government leaders as frontrunners in this endeavor. In particular, the law seeks to promote the preferential use of goods produced using local resources and manufactured by domestic enterprises, adopt measures focused on making these products competitive based on global standards, and ultimately develop a self-reliant economy characterized by high employment levels.

Aiming to transform this policy into reality, the law mandates public officials and employees to lead this movement by wearing official uniforms made from tropical fabrics, defined as textiles created using natural fibers produced, spun, woven, knitted and finished in the Philippines. Lamentably, eight years after the law was enacted, its full implementation still needs to be achieved.

Aware of this roadblock in operationalizing the law, the Civil Service Commission, which serves as the law's implementing arm, urges the incorporation of amendments that place due consideration on the capacity of our textile industry to meet the needs of our government, and on the efficiency of current institutional mechanisms to enforce the law. Hence, such recommendation being meritorious, this bill seeks to amend the law in order to effectively fulfill its mandate.

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


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AN ACT

REINFORCING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9242, KNOWN AS "AN ACT
PRESCRIBING THE USE OF THE PHILIPPINE TROPICAL FABRICS FOR
UNIFORMS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES," THEREBY AMENDING THE LAW FOR THIS PURPOSE

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9242 is hereby amended as
2 follows:

3 SEC. 2. Definition. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, A TROPICAL
4 FABRIC SHALL REFER TO TEXTILE PRODUCED BY SPINNING,
5 WEAVING AND KNITTING NATURAL FIBERS ORIGINATING FROM
6 THE PHILIPPINES.

7 TEXTILE PRODUCED FROM A COMBINATION OF SYNTHETIC AND
8 NATURAL FIBERS SHALL BE DEEMED A TROPICAL FABRIC; PROVIDED
9 THAT THE FIBERS USED, BOTH SYNTHETIC AND NATURAL,
10 ORIGINATE FROM THE PHILIPPINES; AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT
11 THE NATURAL FIBER COMPONENT COMPLIES WITH THE MINIMUM
12 PROPORTION PRESCRIBED IN THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND
13 REGULATIONS OF THIS ACT.

14 SEC 2. Section 4 of the same Act is hereby amended as follows:

15 SEC. 4. Purchase of Tropical Fabrics. - [Philippine] Tropical fabrics used for the
16 uniforms of government officials and employees, and for other government
17 purposes shall be, AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE, purchased from local sources in
18 accordance with law.

19 LOCAL SOURCES SHALL REFER TO ENTERPRISES ENGAGED IN THE
20 BUSINESS OF MANUFACTURING OR TRADING TROPICAL FABRICS
21 WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES.

22 SHOULD LOCAL SOURCES BE INCAPABLE OF SUPPLYING THE
23 TROPICAL FABRICS NEEDS OF THE GOVERNMENT, TROPICAL

1 FABRICS MAY BE PURCHASED FROM SOURCES OUTSIDE OF THE
2 PHILIPPINES; PROVIDED THAT THE FIBERS USED ORIGINATE FROM
3 THE PHILIPPINES; AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT THE DEPARTMENT
4 OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, UPON CONSULTATION WITH
5 ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL SOURCES, ISSUES A
6 CERTIFICATION CONFIRMING SUCH INCAPABILITY OF LOCAL
7 SOURCES TO MEET THE TROPICAL FABRIC DEMANDS OF THE
8 GOVERNMENT.

9 SEC 3. Section 5 of the same Act is hereby amended as follows:

10 SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The DEPARTMENT OF TRADE
11 AND INDUSTRY [Civil Service Commission], AS THE PRIMARY
12 IMPLEMENTING AGENCY OF THIS ACT, in coordination with the CIVIL
13 SERVICE COMMISSION, Department of Agriculture AND THE Department
14 of Science and Technology, [Department of Trade and Industry,] and in
15 consultation with the concerned private sector, shall promulgate the rules to
16 implement this Act consistent with the viable development plan for the sector.

17 AN INTER-AGENCY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, COMPRISING OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED GOVERNMENT
19 AGENCIES, IS HEREBY FORMALLY ESTABLISHED IN ORDER TO
20 EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND ITS
21 IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

22 SEC 4. Section 7 of Republic Act No. 9242 is hereby amended as follows:

23 SEC. 7. Submission of Annual Report. - The DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND
24 INDUSTRY [Civil Service Commission], in coordination with the CIVIL
25 SERVICE COMMISSION, Department of Agriculture AND THE Department
26 of Science and Technology [and Department of Trade and Industry,] shall
27 submit an annual report to the COMMITTEES ON TRADE AND
28 COMMITTEES ON Civil Service [Committees] of both Houses of Congress on
29 or before the end of December of every year.

30 SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* - If any part of this Act is declared
31 unconstitutional, the remaining parts not affected thereby shall continue to be
32 valid and operational.

33 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, circulars, rules or
34 regulations and other issuances which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby
35 repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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

39 Approved.