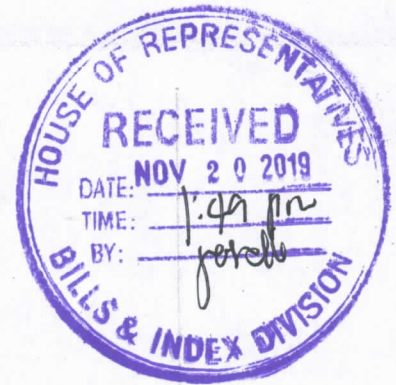


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The name itself soup kitchen, refers to the serving of soup usually with some bread. However, several establishments also serve other types of food, in answer to hunger which they provide more, like food kitchens and meal centers.

This bill seeks to institutionalize a mandatory Free Soup Kitchen by allocating the 3% of their Internal Revenue Allotment of every impoverished Barangay in the city or municipality.

Under this Bill, the City or Municipality in coordination with the DSWD shall determine the impoverished barangay, who upon consultation by the City or Municipality shall determine the frequency of days and hours/day in giving free lunch and dinner for the qualified beneficiaries.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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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 “**Free Soup Kitchen Act**”

SECTION 2. **Definition of Terms.** – Free Soup Kitchen refers to a place where food is offered to the hungry for free. Frequently located in lower-income neighborhoods.

SECTION 3. **Mandatory Free Soup Kitchen.** – The following guidelines shall be followed in establishing the program of Free Soup Kitchen.

- a) There shall be an allotted P25.00 minimum budget per meal.
- b) The city or municipality in coordination with the DSWD shall determine the impoverished barangay that will benefit in this program. DSWD shall monitor and recommend to the City of Municipality for the betterment of the program.
- c) The City or Municipality in consultation with the impoverished barangay shall determine the frequency of days and hours/day in giving free lunch and dinner for the qualified beneficiaries offered to them for free.

SECTION 4. ***Funding Requirement.*** – Three percent (3%) of the Internal Revenue Allotment shall be allocated for this program.

SECTION 5. ***Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the League of City or Municipality shall carry out the provisions of this Act and shall within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 6. ***Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or other issuances or parts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. ***Separability Clause.*** – Should any provision herein be declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

SECTION 8. ***Effectivity Clause.*** – this Act shall take effect in fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in one (1) newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,