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HOUSE BILL NO. **1592**



**Introduced by Representatives Michael L. Romero and
Enrico A. Pineda**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The National Nutrition Council (NNC) is the authority in ensuring the nutritional well-being of all Filipinos, the National Nutrition Council is recognized locally and globally, and is led by a team of competent and committed public servants.

This House Bill seeks to foster and orchestrate efforts of government, private sector, international organizations and other stakeholders at all levels, in addressing hunger and malnutrition of Filipinos through:

- Policy and program formulation and coordination;
- Capacity development;
- Promotion of good nutrition;
- Nutrition surveillance;
- Resource generation and mobilization
- Advocacy; and
- Partnership and alliance building

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL AND
OPERATIONAL FUNDING FOR THE NATIONAL NUTRITION
COUNCIL, RATIONALIZING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative of the Philippines
in congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy – It shall be the policy of the state to:

1. Formulate national food and nutrition policies and strategies and serve as the policy, coordinating and advisory body of food, nutrition and health concerns;
2. Coordinate planning, monitoring, and evaluation of the national nutrition program;
3. Coordinate the hunger mitigation and malnutrition prevention program to achieve relevant Millennium Development Goals;
4. Strengthen competencies and capabilities of stakeholders through public education, capacity building and skills development;

5. Coordinate the release of funds, loans, and grants from government organizations (GOs) and nongovernment organizations (NGOs); and
6. Call on any department, bureau, office, agency and other instrumentalities of the government for assistance in the form of personnel, facilities and resources as the need arises.

SECTION 2. Appropriation – the state shall hereby provide the amount of Five hundred million pesos (**₱500,000,000.00**) as additional organizational and operational funding for the National Nutrition Council (NNC).

The amount necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of implementing agencies in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of the year following its enactment into law and every year thereafter.

The state shall hereby authorize the Department of Health (DOH) to re-align its appropriations, in the current year of the date of the effectivity of this Act to conform with its mandate and requirements.

SECTION 3. Powers and Functions - The functions and multi-sectoral composition of the NNC are replicated at sub-national levels. Regional, provincial, city, municipal and barangay nutrition committees are organized to manage and coordinate the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of local hunger-mitigation and nutrition action plan as a component of the local development plan.

Local chief executives serve as chairpersons. Nutrition action officers are designated or appointed to attend to the day-to-day operations of the local nutrition program.

SECTION 4. Periodic Reports - The National Nutrition Council (NNC) shall submit periodic reports on its findings and make recommendations on actions to be taken by Congress and Senate and the appropriate department, in order to carry out the objectives and mandates of this Act.

SECTION 5. Automatic Review - Every three **(3) years** after the effectivity of this Act, an independent review panel composed of experts to be appointed by the President shall review the policies and programs in the NNC and shall make recommendations, based on its findings, to the President and to both Houses of Congress.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. If, for any reason or reasons, any portion or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,