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H. No. 5490

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AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR ACTS IN VIOLATION OF THE MEAT INSPECTION SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9296, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE MEAT INSPECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9296 is hereby amended by  
2 inserting between subsections 15 and 16, to be designated as subsection 16, to  
3 read as follows:

4 "SEC. 4. *Definition of Terms.* - X X X

5 "16. **HOT MEAT** - THE CARCASS OR PARTS OF  
6 CARCASS OF FOOD ANIMALS WHICH WERE  
7 SLAUGHTERED FROM UNREGISTERED/UNACCREDITED  
8 MEAT ESTABLISHMENTS AND HAVE NOT UNDERGONE THE  
9 REQUIRED INSPECTION. IT ALSO INCLUDES UNDOCUMENTED,  
10 ILLEGALLY SHIPPED, AND UNREGISTERED CARCASS AND  
11 PARTS OF CARCASS COMING FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND  
12 THOSE THAT ARE CLASSIFIED AS HOT MEAT BY THE  
13 NATIONAL MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE (NMIS)."

14 The succeeding subsections shall be renumbered accordingly.

15 SEC. 2. Section 56 of Republic Act No. 9296 is hereby amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 "SEC. 56. *PENALTIES AND Administrative Fines.* - ANY  
18 PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION WHO SHALL TRANSPORT,  
19 SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF CARCASSES, ORGANS OR  
20 PARTS THEREOF FOR FOOD WHICH HAVE NOT PASSED  
21 ANTE-MORTEM AND POST-MORTEM INSPECTION BY  
22 COMPETENT AUTHORITY OR WHO SHALL FALSIFY, FORGE  
23 OR ALTER ANY ACCOMPANYING CERTIFICATE OR OTHER  
24 DOCUMENT OR PAPER ISSUED BY THE NMIS OR  
25 NMIS-DEPUTIZED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL, OR  
26 WHO SHALL FORGE THE NMIS OR LGU SEAL OR TAG ON  
27 SAID CARCASSES, ORGANS OR PARTS SHALL UPON  
28 CONVICTION, SUFFER A PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT  
29 RANGING FROM A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN SIX (6) MONTHS

1           AND ONE (1) DAY BUT NOT MORE THAN SIX (6) YEARS OR PAY  
2           A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS  
3           (P25,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
4           PESOS (P500,000.00), OR BOTH, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE  
5           COURT. ACCOMPLICES AND ACCESSORIES IN THE CRIME  
6           SHALL SUFFER A PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT OF NOT LESS  
7           THAN THREE (3) MONTHS AND ONE (1) DAY BUT NOT MORE  
8           THAN THREE (3) YEARS OR PAY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN  
9           TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN  
10          TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000.00), OR  
11          BOTH, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.

12           “ANY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION WHO SHALL  
13          STORE, TRANSPORT, SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF MEAT  
14          AND MEAT PRODUCTS WHICH HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE  
15          COUNTRY WITHOUT AUTHORITY FROM THE NMIS AND THE  
16          BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY SHALL SUFFER A PENALTY OF  
17          IMPRISONMENT RANGING FROM ONE (1) YEAR AND ONE (1)  
18          DAY TO TEN (10) YEARS OR PAY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN  
19          ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) BUT NOT  
20          MORE THAN ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) OR MORE  
21          THAN THE VALUE OF THE ILLEGALLY IMPORTED ITEMS, OR  
22          BOTH, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT. ACCOMPLICES  
23          AND ACCESSORIES OF THE CRIME SHALL SUFFER A PENALTY  
24          OF IMPRISONMENT RANGING FROM SIX (6) MONTHS AND ONE  
25          (1) DAY TO FIVE (5) YEARS OR PAY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN  
26          FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN  
27          FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00), OR BOTH, AT  
28          THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.

1           **“MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS DEEMED HOT MEAT**  
2           **SHALL BE CONFISCATED AND THE CERTIFICATE OR**  
3           **REGISTRATION OR FRANCHISE OF THE VEHICLE OR**  
4           **CONVEYANCE USED IN THE TRANSPORT SHALL BE**  
5           **CANCELLED. LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY FARMS AND OTHER**  
6           **MEAT ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE THE SOURCE OF THE**  
7           **HOT MEAT, IF FOUND GUILTY TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE**  
8           **COMMISSION OF THE CRIME, SHALL SUFFER AN ADDITIONAL**  
9           **PENALTY OF CANCELLATION OF BUSINESS PERMIT AND**  
10           **CLOSURE OF THE FARM OR ESTABLISHMENT.**

11           **“ALL OTHER VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS**  
12           **ACT SHALL BE PENALIZED WITH IMPRISONMENT RANGING**  
13           **FROM TWO (2) MONTHS TO NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS**  
14           **OR PAY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND PESOS**  
15           **(P5,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS**  
16           **(P50,000.00), OR BOTH, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT.**

17           “The Secretary, by way of regulation, shall issue a  
18           schedule of administrative fines for violations of any provision  
19           of this Act.”

20           SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
21           in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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