

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila
Twelfth Congress
Third Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of July, two thousand three.

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9242]

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE USE OF PHILIPPINE TROPICAL FABRICS FOR UNIFORMS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to instill patriotism and nationalism among the people, especially public officials and employees, who shall at all times be loyal to the Republic and the Filipino people, promote the preferential use of locally manufactured goods that utilize local resources, adopt measures that help make them competitive and thus generate wider employment and greater benefits to the country.

SEC. 2. *Definition.* – Tropical fabrics are defined as those containing natural fibers produced, spun, woven or knitted and finished in the Philippines.

SEC. 3. *Usage of Philippine Tropical Fabrics.* – The use of Philippine tropical fabrics is hereby prescribed for official uniforms of government officials and employees and for other purposes which require the use of fabrics in government offices and functions.

SEC. 4. *Purchase of Tropical Fabrics.* – Philippine tropical fabrics used for the uniforms of government officials and employees, and for other government purposes shall be purchased from local sources in accordance with law.

SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Civil Service Commission, in coordination with the Department of Agriculture, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Trade and Industry, and in consultation with the concerned private sector, shall promulgate the rules to implement this Act consistent with the viable development plan for the sector.

SEC. 6. *Appropriations.* – For the initial implementation of this Act, an amount of P60 Million shall be provided from the Agricultural and Fisheries Modernization Act Fund to be allotted to Fiber Industry Development Authority (FIDA) of the Department of Agriculture (DA) for the promotion of the commercial production of plant fibers and for the conduct of continuing research on the improvement of the process of extracting plant fibers. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

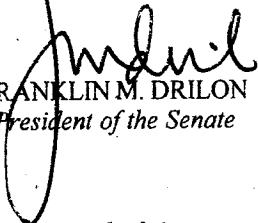
SEC. 7. *Submission of Annual Report.* – The Civil Service Commission, in coordination with the Department of Agriculture, Department of Science and Technology and Department of Trade and Industry, shall submit an annual report to the Civil Service Committees of both Houses of Congress on or before the end of December of every year.

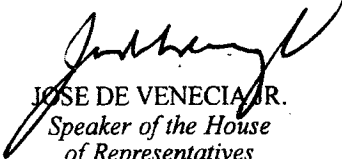
SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.* – If any part of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts not affected thereby shall continue to be valid and operational.

SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, circulars, rules or regulations and other issuances which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.


SEC. 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in the *Official Gazette* or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

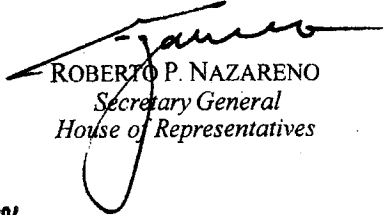
Approved,


FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President of the Senate



JOSE DE VENECIA JR.
*Speaker of the House
of Representatives*

This Act which is a consolidation of House Bill No. 5977 and Senate Bill No. 2637 was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on November 20, 2003 and October 27, 2003, respectively.


OSCAR G. XABES
Secretary of the Senate


ROBERTO P. NAZARENO
*Secretary General
House of Representatives*

Approved: **FEB 10 2004**


GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President of the Philippines

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