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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. <u>523</u>

Submitted by the Committee on Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform joint with the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; Finance on $_FEB - 4\ 2025$

Re: Senate Bill No. 2978 (Prepared by the Committees)

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1255 and 2713.

Sponsor: Senator Cynthia A. Villar

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform joint with the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; Finance to which were referred **Senate Bill No. 1255**, introduced by Senator Imee R. Marcos, entitled:

"AN ACT

URGING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND EXPORT PROMOTION OF THE MORINGA (MORINGA OLEIFERA), LOCALLY KNOWN AS 'MALUNGGAY', AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

Senate Bill No. 2713, introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar, entitled:

"AN ACT
URGING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND
EXPORT PROMOTION OF THE MORINGA (MORINGA OLEIFERA),

LOCALLY KNOWN AS MALUNGGAY, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

has considered the same and has the honor to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, S. No. 2978, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

"AN ACT URGING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND **EXPORT PROMOTION OF THE MORINGA (MORINGA OLEIFERA),** LOCALLY KNOWN AS MALUNGGAY, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

be approved in substitution of S. Nos. 1255 and 2713 with Senator Imee R. Marcos and Senator Cynthia A. Villar, as authors thereof.

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Senate Bill No. <u>2978</u> RF and 2713)



Prepared by the Committees on Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform; Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; Finance with Senator Imee R. Marcos and Senator Cynthia A. Villar as authors thereof

AN ACT

URGING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND EXPORT PROMOTION OF THE MORINGA (MORINGA OLEIFERA), LOCALLY KNOWN AS "MALUNGGAY", AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 the "Moringa Development Act."
 - **SEC. 2.** *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared the policy of the State to develop and promote a globally competitive moringa industry with the objective of increasing moringa farmers, income, addressing the nutritional and health needs of our people, and encouraging trade and industry.
 - **SEC. 3.** Development of Moringa. The Department of Agriculture (DA), in consultation with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), moringa growers' cooperatives and organizations, local government units, and the private sector, shall formulate a one-year framework to be validated and updated annually. Such framework shall serve as guide to the formulation and implementation of plans, programs and projects for the production, marketing, processing and distribution of moringa for food and

commercial needs, as envisioned in this Act. The framework shall likewise provide for the following:

a. National Framework – The DA, DOST, state universities and colleges (SUCs) and other stakeholders shall strengthen the conduct of researches on moringa particularly on areas of crop improvement, crop protection, harvesting and postharvest handling supply chain analysis, marketing and promotion;

b. Investment Promotion and Facilitation – The DA and DTI shall develop programs establishing links between stakeholders in the moringa industry and Government Financial Institutions (GFIs) and other financial cooperatives. The DA and DTI shall likewise develop and implement programs that would establish reasonable and innovative investment incentive to attract more players in the moringa industry;

- c. Export Promotion Support An integrated and strategic export promotion program for moringa industry shall be created. The export promotion program shall be responsive to market conditions, needs of the exporters, and possibilities offered by new products and technologies. It shall likewise provide foreign trade and export promotion activities through trainings, technical assistance, capacity building, generating awareness on export opportunities and export planning assistance;
- d. Strengthen Trade Policies and Support Network The DA shall be responsible in coordinating a consultative approach for the various stages of the trade policy making process. The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) shall lead the negotiation of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) to provide a competitive environment for moringa exports abroad; and
- e. Monitoring and Evaluation The DA shall continuously monitor, track, and analyze the progress and outcomes of the programs to be implemented to determine over-all effectiveness.

l	SEC. 4. Designating the Department of Agriculture-High Value Crops
2	Development Program (DA-HVCDP) as the Office in Charge in the Development of the
3	Moringa Industry - The DA-HVCDP is hereby tasked to implement the development of
1	the Moringa Industry. The Department of Agriculture shall allocate an annual budget
5	to said office pursuant to its additional task of developing the Moringa Industry.

SEC. 5. Appropriations. – The amount necessary to implement this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, such funds as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the succeeding annual GAA.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. – All provisions of existing laws, orders and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Separability Clause. – If any part or provision of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof not affected shall remain in force and effect.

- **SEC. 8.** *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
- 21 Approved,