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**SENATE**  
**P.S.RES. No. 340**

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**Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**

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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9242, OR "AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE USE OF THE PHILIPPINE TROPICAL FABRICS FOR UNIFORMS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE OVERSIGHT FUNCTION OF CONGRESS**

1           WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9242, or "*An Act Prescribing the Use of the*  
2 *Philippine Tropical Fabrics for Uniforms of Public Officials and Employees and for Other*  
3 *Purposes*", was signed into law on February 10, 2004;

4           WHEREAS, the said law declared as a State policy "to instill patriotism and  
5 nationalism among the people, especially public officials and employees" and to  
6 "promote the preferential use of locally manufactured goods that utilize local  
7 resources, adopt measures that help make them competitive and thus generate wider  
8 employment and greater benefits to the country";

9           WHEREAS, Sections 3 and 4 of the said law prescribe the use of Philippine  
10 tropical fabrics, purchased from local sources, for official uniforms of government  
11 officials and employees and for other purposes, which require the use of fabrics in  
12 government offices and functions;

13           WHEREAS, Rule II of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the said  
14 law provides that all fabrics to be used for uniforms and for other purposes shall  
15 contain at least 5% by weight for abaca, banana, and pineapple, and 15% by weight  
16 for silk;

17           WHEREAS, Rule III of the law's IRR provides that exemption from the use of  
18 Philippine tropical fabrics may be allowed only if said fabric's properties and standards

1 do not meet the requirements for specialty type fabrics, such as firemen’s uniform,  
2 sports uniform, bullet-proof vest, etc. of a particular agency/organization;

3 WHEREAS, according to the Inventory of Government Human Resource of the  
4 Civil Service Commission (CSC), there are 1,762,301 career and non-career  
5 government personnel, as of August 31, 2020;

6 WHEREAS, in a 2019 conference, Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI)  
7 lamented that “the utilization of Philippine Tropical Fabrics by government employees  
8 and officials has been dismally low for a very simple reason: the lack of supply on a  
9 commercial scale<sup>1</sup>”;

10 WHEREAS, in an online forum, PTRI shared that while there are tens of  
11 thousands of hectares of plantations as sources of natural fibers from abaca, banana  
12 and pineapple, there is a huge gap in the processing of these fibers, before they are  
13 woven and turned into fabrics;

14 WHEREAS, seventeen (17) years since the enactment of the law, its actual  
15 benefits to the textile industry, as well as to the farmers and the agriculture sector,  
16 have yet to be realized;

17 WHEREAS, as the national economy strives to recover from the ill effects of the  
18 Covid-19 pandemic, there is a need to fully support local businesses and industries,  
19 and to channel government resources into initiatives which sustain, assist and develop  
20 local products, livelihood of communities, and economic activities in the countryside;

21 WHEREAS, the use of Philippine tropical fabrics is consistent and compliant with  
22 the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), particularly Goal 12: Ensure  
23 sustainable consumption and production patterns, Goal 8: Promote sustained,  
24 inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and  
25 decent work for all, Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls,  
26 among others;

27 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate,  
28 that the appropriate Senate Committee look into the implementation of Republic Act  
29 No. 9242, or the “*Act Prescribing the Use of the Philippine Tropical Fabrics for Uniforms*

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<sup>1</sup> “Mainstreaming of the Philippine Tropical Fabrics, An Essential Boost for the Revitalization of the Philippine Textile Industry.” <https://ptri.dost.gov.ph/9-transparency-seal/254-mainstreaming-of-the-philippine-tropical-fabrics-an-essential-boost-for-the-revitalization-of-the-philippine-textile-industry>

- 1 *of Public Officials and Employees and for Other Purposes*”, in the performance of the
- 2 oversight function of Congress.

*Adopted,*

  
**RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**  
