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ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SMALL RUMINANTS CENTER

EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the sunrise industries in our country is the production of goat. While it is one of the most important animals raised by rural households, its total production and value have been one of the lowest in the livestock sector. Based on the records of the Bureau of Agricultural Statics (BAS) in 2013, the annual average volume of goat production from 2008 to 2012 is 77,600 mt, representing only 3.24% of the annual average volume of livestock production. In current prices, the average annual value of production is P7,076 million, representing only 3.48% of the total value of livestock production.

The Small Ruminants Center (SRC) at Central Luzon State University (CLSU) has been in operation for almost twenty (20) years now. It is designated as the lead national center for research and development in small ruminants. Its main responsibility is to conduct research and development activities in various disciplines that lead to the overall improvement of the productivity of Philippine goats and sheep. Over the years, the center has developed technologies for broodstock improvement, feeding management, cultural practices, pasture establishment, and products development. The SRC was designated by the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology (PCAARRD-DOST) as the first and only Center for Excellence in small ruminant research. It is also chosen as the national broodstock center, and accredited as a quarantine facility by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture (BAI-DA).

This measure will enhance and accelerate the development of the small ruminants sector as a sunshine industry that will lead to increased meat and milk production for the country, better income from farmers, employment opportunities for rural folks, establishment of agro-enterprises, and ultimately improved living conditions in our farming communities especially in the province of Nueva Ecija. Likewise, it will further boost the stature of CLSU as a leading and model institution of higher learning dedicated to the advancement of the agriculture sector of our country.

This bill is favorably endorsed by no less than the CLSU in the hope that the legislation for and institutionalization of the SRC will maximize the potentials of the center and of our small ruminants sector.

In light of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Senator

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title** – This act shall be known as the “*Philippine Small*
2 *Ruminants Act of 2014*”.

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5 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared to be the policy of the
6 State to:

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8 a. Conserve, improve and develop the Philippine goat, sheep and other
9 small ruminants as sources of animal milk, meat and fiber;
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11 b. Enable the farmers, particularly smallholder farmers, to avail
12 themselves of good quality goat and sheep stocks at all times and at
13 reasonable prices through an organized program of breeding and
14 development;
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16 c. Increase the local supply of meat, milk and fiber goats, sheep and
17 other small ruminants; and,
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19 d. Encourage backyard goat, sheep and other small ruminants
20 development in rural areas by raising goat and sheep which are good
21 milk and meat producers so as to reduce importation of milk and milk
22 by-products.
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25 **SEC. 3. Definition of Terms.** – As used in this Act, the following terms shall be
26 construed to mean as follows:
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- 28 (a) **Crossbreed**- refers to the offspring of two (2) purebred animals;
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30 (b) **Performance Testing** – refers to the systematic selection of the best
31 animal from a population raised under the same environment. The basic
32 consideration is its genetic potential;
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1 (c) Philippine Small Ruminant Center – refers to the Philippine Small
2 Ruminant Center with the National Center based in the Central Luzon
3 State University;

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5 (d) Research Network – refers to the Philippine Council for Agriculture,
6 Aquatic, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development
7 (PCAARRD) Department of Agriculture (DA) and private organization
8 conducting researches geared towards developing technology that will
9 increase productivity of smallholder farmers;

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11 (e) Smallholders Farmers – are basically farmers owning below twenty (20)
12 heads of goats or sheep;

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14 (f) Small Ruminants – refers to any hooved animal belonging to the division
15 of *Artiodactyla* having four stomachs, such as but not limited to goat and
16 sheep;

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18 (g) Upgraded – refers to the offspring of a cross between a native stock and
19 an exotic breed of animal.
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22 **SEC. 4. Creation of the Philippine Small Ruminant Center.** – The Philippine
23 Small Ruminant Center is hereby created with the National Center based in the
24 Central Luzon State University and with satellite centers in the other goat and
25 sheep centers in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. The Center in Visayas shall be
26 the Visayas State University (VSU) in Leyte. The center in Mindanao shall be the
27 DA-Bagalupa Stock Farm Stock Farm in Zamboanga del Sur.
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29 Other satellite centers in any region of the country may also be organized and
30 operationalized whenever there are State Colleges and Universities (SUC's) in
31 agriculture in such areas.
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34 **SEC. 5. Scope.** – The activities of the Philippine Small Ruminant Center
35 encompass all research and development efforts in all disciplines that lead to the
36 improvement of the over-all productivity of the Philippines goat and sheep. In
37 addition, research efforts to increase the annual population growth rate of small
38 ruminants to meet existing and future demand shall be pursued.
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41 **SEC. 6. Priorities.** – The following shall be the priority areas of the Philippine
42 Small Ruminant Center and such other priorities or programs that the Board shall
43 formulate:
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45 (a) Research and development efforts in the areas of biotechnology,
46 breeding, nutrition, reproduction, animal health and product
47 development utilization, socio-economics, technology promotion and
48 environmental impact shall take priority. Research activities geared
49 towards development of appropriate technologies shall be the primary
50 concern. These technologies are those that would increase productivity
51 of the goat and sheep in a cost effective, simple and practical manner.
52 Socio-economic researches shall be undertaken hand in hand with the
53 development of the technologies to ensure economic appropriateness
54 and acceptance of the technology by farmers;
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56 (b) Development of goat and sheep with improved performance as milk-
57 meat animals shall be the main focus in breeding;

1 (c) Development of feeding systems for backyard and semi commercial
2 production, nutrition, improving reproductive efficiency, physiology and
3 schemes to reduce losses by parasites and diseases shall likewise
4 receive priority. Emphasis shall be put on technology transfer on the
5 developed appropriate technologies; and,
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7 (d) Development for dairy meat, fiber and hide production for domestic
8 and/or export market.
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11 **SEC. 7. Philippine Small Ruminant Center Board.** – The Board shall formulate
12 policies and oversee the implementation of the Philippine Small Ruminant
13 Center, in consonance with the National Research and Development policies.
14 The Philippine Small Ruminant Center Board shall be composed of the following:
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- 16 1. President of the Central Luzon State University (CLSU);
- 17 2. Directors of Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Animal Industry/
18 Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAI/BAR);
- 19 3. Executive Director of the Livestock Development Council;
- 20 4. Executive Director of the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry
21 and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCARRD);
- 22 5. Farmers representative; and,
- 23 6. Executive Director of the Philippine Small Ruminant Center.
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30 The CLSU President shall be the Chairperson, the Director of DA-BAI shall be
31 the Vice-Chair, while the Executive Director of the Philippine Small Ruminant
32 Center shall serve as the Ex- Officio Secretary.
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35 **SEC. 8. Implementation and Coordination of the Program of the CLSU.** –
36 The Philippine Small Ruminant Center Board shall be tasked to coordinate and
37 monitor the implementation of all program relative to small ruminants. It shall
38 identify, through the Department of Agriculture, the Director of the Philippine
39 Small Ruminant Center and Project Leaders from various implementing stations
40 of the research and development projects in the areas of breeding, nutrition,
41 animal health, reproductive physiology, socio-economics, techno-transfer,
42 product development and utilization and environmental impact assessment. It
43 shall formulate strategies concerning performance testing of bucks and rams,
44 multiplication and distribution of elite germplasm purebreds, crossbreds and
45 native bucks and rams.
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47 The CLSU in Nueva Ecija shall be the Philippine Small Ruminant National Center
48 which specializes in the development of breeding system of the goat, sheep and
49 other small ruminants of smallholder farmers with exotic breeds and shall
50 specialize in the breeding of purebred small ruminants and its crossbreds and
51 generation of technology on goat dairying and sheep fiber. Furthermore, the
52 central shall specialize in the development of technology on nutrition,
53 reproductive physiology animal health, product development and utilization,
54 socio-economics and techno transfer.
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56 The other center shall take responsibility of the regional research needs and
57 spearhead implementation of development activities in their respective

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10 **SEC. 9. *Farmers Participation.*** – The farmer cooperators shall be encouraged
11 to strengthen existing farmer's cooperatives or establish strong farmers
12 association to serve as focal point for government assistance, production and
13 multiplication of upgraded small ruminants and on the dissemination of new
14 knowledge on goat dairying and fiber production from sheep.
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17 **SEC. 10. *Funding.*** – To fund the Philippine Small Ruminant Center, the amount
18 of Twenty Million Pesos (PHP20,000,000.00) shall be appropriated by the
19 Department of Budget and Management from the unexpended balance of the
20 National Treasury and thereafter, shall be included in the General Appropriations
21 Act. The salaries of permanent staff and maintenance and operating budget shall
22 be appropriated and released directly to the various agencies of the Philippine
23 Small Ruminant Center Network, in accordance with the approved program of
24 activities.
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26 Any income derived from the sale of goats, sheep and other small ruminants
27 shall be placed in a revolving fund to be used in the propagation and distribution
28 of goats, sheep and other small ruminants.
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31 **SEC. 11. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared
32 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
33 provisions thereof.
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36 **SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.*** – All provisions of law, presidential decrees or
37 issuances, orders, including rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are
38 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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41 **SEC. 13. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
42 following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two
43 (2) newspapers of general circulation.
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