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Senate Bill No. 1580

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Carabaos have played an important role in the lives of Filipinos, especially of our farmers. They represent our core values of hardwork and resilience making it the country's national animal. Carabaos continue to be a mainstay in Filipino farms, serving as reliable companions to farmers in various works in the field. In the recent years, carabaos have gone beyond being trustworthy aides in the farm, but have also contributed on other industries like dairy and meat production.

In 2015, carabaos have contributed 34% to the local dairy production of the country. Carabao slaughter rate which was only at 11% to 12% before have gone up to 16% in 2015. The demand in carabao products continues to increase making it a valuable product in our country's economy.

In order to protect and develop the growing industry of carabaos in the Philippines, Philippine Carabao Center (PCC) is established in thirteen areas throughout the country including Los Banos, Nueva Ecija and Cagayan. However none has been established in the Bicol Region.

The Bicol Region is one of the areas in the country with a developing carabao-based enterprises. As of January 2016, Bicol is among the top producers of commercial carabao in the country, contributing 9.22% of the total country production. The region is also continually working on developing their carabao industry by actively engaging in programs aimed at upgrading native carabaos for better milk and meat production.

The establishment of a Philippine Carabao Center in the Bicol region would pave the way for further development of the industry in the area. Hence, this bill seeks to create a Philippine Carabao Center in the City of Ligao in the Province of Albay.

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



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AN ACT
CREATING A CARABAO CENTER IN THE CITY OF LIGAO IN THE PROVINCE OF
ALBAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7307 ENTITLED
"AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER TO PROPAGATE AND
PROMOTE THE PHILIPPINE CARABAO AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The third paragraph of Section 12 of Republic Act No. 7307 is hereby
2 amended as follows:

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4 "Section 12. Implementation and Coordination of the Program – The PCC
5 Advisory Board through the Executive Director shall coordinate, monitor and evaluate
6 the *implementation of the carabao program.*

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10 "Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao shall [initially] have **A** total of [thirteen (13)] **FOURTEEN**
11 **(14)** carabao centers. The Centers in Luzon shall be located at U.P Los Banos in
12 Laguna, **CITY OF LIGAO IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY**, Central Luzon State
13 University (CLSU) in Nueva Ecija, Cagayan State University (CSU) in Cagayan, Don
14 Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMSU) in La Union

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18 **SEC. 2. Repealing Clause** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, presidential issuances
19 and other administrative rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent
20 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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22 **SEC. 3. Effectivity** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
23 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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25 *Approved,*