

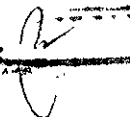
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Goat, sheep and other small ruminants perform an important part in our country's agricultural development. They are reared widely in mainly small farm systems which form the pivot of traditional agriculture. They produce meat, milk, fibre and hides which if developed can be a main source of income for the farmers. They also perform a variety of miscellaneous functions such as dung production which can be used as organic fertilizer or as fuel for biomass energy.

The fact remains, however, that despite the wide importance and apparent advantages, small ruminants have not been accorded adequate attention, compared, for example to cattle development. Inadequate emphasis and development are reflected in goat and sheep breeding propagation, thus, they have little impact on food production despite wide recognition of their value during the last decade. It is therefore important to consider the opportunities for further developing both species and other small ruminants in the context of their potential to develop our agricultural sector and raise the income of small farmers.

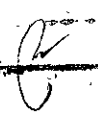
In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINES SMALL RUMINANTS CENTER

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 **Philippines Small**
2 **Ruminant Act of 2010.**

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- 4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy** - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to:
- 5 a. Conserve, improve and develop the Philippine goat and sheep as sources of
- 6 animal milk, meat and fiber;
- 7 b. Enable the farmers, particularly smallholder farmers, to avail themselves of
- 8 good quality goat and sheep stocks at all times and at reasonable prices
- 9 through an organized program of breeding and development;
- 10 c. Increase the local supply of meat, milk and fiber from goats and sheep; and
- 11 d. Encourage backyard goat and sheep development in rural areas by raising
- 12 goat and sheep which are good milk and meat producers so as to reduce
- 13 importation of milk and milk by-products.

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15 **SEC.3. Definition of Terms** - As used in this Act, the following terms shall mean

16 as follows:

- 17 a. *Philippine Small Ruminant Center* - refers to the Philippines Small Ruminant
- 18 Center in the Central Luzon State University, the other goat and sheep
- 19 centers in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, and those that will be created
- 20 pursuant to this Act;
- 21 b. *Crossbred* - refers to the offspring of two (2) purebred animals;
- 22 c. *Performance Testing* - refers to the systematic selection of the best animal
- 23 from population raised under the same environment. The basic consideration
- 24 is its genetic potential;

- 1 d. *Research Network* - refers to the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry
2 and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCARRD), Department
3 of Agriculture and private organization conducting researches geared towards
4 developing technology that will increase productivity of smallholder farmers;
5 e. *Smallholder Farmers* - are basically farmers owning below twenty (20) heads
6 of goats or sheep;
7 f. *Upgraded* - refers to the offspring of a cross between a native stock and an
8 exotic breed of animal.

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10 **SEC. 4. Scope** - The activities of the Philippine Small Ruminant Center
11 encompass all research and development efforts in all disciplines that lead to the
12 improvement of the over-all productivity of the Philippine goat and sheep. In addition,
13 research efforts to increase the annual population growth rate of small ruminants to
14 meet existing and future demand shall be pursued;

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16 **SEC. 5. Priorities** - Research and development efforts in the areas of
17 biotechnology, breeding, nutrition, reproduction, animal health and product development
18 utilization, socio-economics, technology promotion and environmental impact shall take
19 priority. Research activities geared towards development of appropriate technologies
20 shall be the primary concern. These technologies are those that would increase
21 productivity of the goat and sheep in a cost effective, simple and practical manner.
22 Socio-economic researches shall be undertaken hand in hand with the development of
23 the technologies to ensure economic appropriateness and acceptance of the technology
24 by farmers. Development of goat and sheep with improved performance as milk-meat
25 animals shall be the main focus in breeding. Development of feeding systems for
26 backyard and semi-commercial production, nutrition, improving reproductive efficiency,
27 physiology and schemes to reduce losses by parasites and diseases shall likewise
28 receive priority. Emphasis shall be put on technology transfer on the developed
29 appropriate technologies.

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31 **SEC. 6. Philippines Small Ruminant Center Board** - The advisory Board shall
32 formulate policies and oversee the implementation of the Philippine Small Ruminant
33 Center, in consonance with the National Research and Development policies. The
34 Philippine Small Ruminant Center Advisory Board shall be composed of the following:

- 35 1. President of the Central Luzon State University (CLSU);
36 2. Director of Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Animal Industry/Bureau of
37 Agricultural Research (DA-BAI/BAR);

- 1 3. Executive Director of the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and
- 2 Natural Resources Research and Development (PCARRD);
- 3 4. Provincial Government representative;
- 4 5. Farmers representative; and
- 5 6. Executive Director of the Philippine Small Ruminant Center.

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7 The CLSU President shall be the Chair, the Director of DA-BAI shall be the Vice-
8 Chair, while the Executive Director of the Philippine Small Ruminant Center shall serve
9 as the Ex-Officio Secretary.

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11 **SEC. 7. Implementation and Coordination of the Program of the CLSU** - The
12 Philippine Small Ruminant Center Board shall be tasked to coordinate and monitor the
13 implementation of the program. It shall identify, through the Department of Agriculture,
14 the Director of the Philippine Small Ruminant Center and Project Leaders from various
15 implementing stations of the research and development projects in the areas of
16 *breeding, nutrition, animal health, reproductive physiology, socio-economics, techno-*
17 *transfer, product development and utilization and environmental impact assessment.* It
18 shall formulate strategies relative to the performance testing of bucks and rams,
19 multiplication and distribution of elite germplasm purebreds, crossbreds and native
20 bucks and rams. There shall be satellite centers in the islands of Luzon, Visayas and
21 Mindanao. The center in Luzon shall be the Central Luzon State University (CLSU) in
22 Nueva Ecija. The center in Visayas shall be the Visayas State University (VSU) in
23 Leyte. The center in Mindanao shall be the DA-Bagalupa Stock Farm in Zamboanga del
24 Sur.

25 The CLSU in Nueva Ecija shall be the Philippine Small Ruminant National Center
26 which specializes in the development of breeding system of the goat and sheep of
27 smallholder farmers with exotic breeds and shall specialize in the breeding of purebred
28 small ruminants and its crossbreds and generation of technology on goat dairying and
29 sheep fiber. Furthermore, the center shall specialize in the development of technology
30 on nutrition, reproductive physiology, animal health, product development and utilization,
31 socio-economics and techno- transfer.

32 The other centers shall take responsibility of the regional research needs and
33 spearhead implementation of development activities in their respective geographical
34 area of responsibility. It shall include field testing and verification of technologies
35 developed by the national center.

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37 **SEC.8. Farmers Participation** - The farmer cooperators shall be encouraged to
38 strengthen existing farmers' cooperatives or establish strong farmers association to

1 serve as focal point for government assistance, production and multiplication of
2 upgraded small ruminants and on the dissemination of new knowledge on goat dairying
3 and fiber production from sheep.

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5 **SEC. 9. Funding** - To fund the Philippine Small Ruminant Center, the amount of
6 Twenty Million Pesos (Php20,000,000.00) shall be appropriated by the Department of
7 Budget and Management from the unexpended balance of the National Treasury and
8 thereafter, shall be included in the General Appropriations Act. The salaries of
9 permanent Staff and maintenance and operating budget shall be appropriated and
10 released directly to the various agencies of the Philippine Small Ruminant Center
11 Network, in accordance with the approved program of activities.

12 Any income derived from the Sale of goats and sheep shall be placed in a
13 revolving fund to be used in the propagation and distribution of goat and sheep.

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15 **SEC. 10. Repealing Clause** - All provisions of law, presidential decrees or
16 issuances, orders, including rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby
17 repealed or modified accordingly.

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19 **SEC. 11. Effectivity** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following
20 the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers
21 of general circulation.

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23 Approved,