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EXPLANATORY NOTE

There is a need for the government to push for programs maximizing productivity in the countryside and making the Filipino farmers self-reliant through backyard animal raising that complements their regular farm productions.

It is common to see Filipinos raise cattle, swine, poultry and other animals, but very few are seen raising goats and sheep, which are very promising alternative sources of milk, meat and fiber.

There is a need for government initiatives to conserve, improve and develop the Philippine goat and sheep to enable the farmers, especially the smallholder farmers, to avail themselves of good quality goats and sheep stock at all times and at reasonable prices through an organized program of breeding and development.

By encouraging backyard goat and sheep development in the rural areas, we can drastically reduce the importation of milk and milk products while ensuring a steady source of food and additional income for our farmers.


Thus, the need for the establishment of the Philippine Goat and Sheep Center at the Central Luzon State University in the Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, and possibly in other strategic areas of the country has become imperative.

Early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE GOAT AND SHEEP CENTER**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Title.** - This Act shall be known as the *Philippine Goat and Sheep*
2 *Center Act of 2005.*

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4 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to:

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6 a. Conserve, improve and develop the Philippine goat and sheep as sources of
7 animal milk, meat and fiber;

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9 b. Enable the farmers, particularly smallholder farmers, to avail themselves of
10 good quality goat and sheep stocks at all times and at reasonable prices
11 through an organized program of breeding and development;

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13 c. Increase the local supply of meat, milk and fiber from goats and sheep; and

1 d. Encourage backyard goat and sheep development in rural areas by raising
2 goat and sheep which are good milk and meat producers so as to reduce
3 importation of milk and milk by-products.
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5 **SEC.3. Definition of Terms.** - As used in this Act, the following terms shall mean
6 as follows:
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8 a. **Philippine Goat and Sheep Center** - refers to the Philippine Goat and Sheep
9 Center in the Central Luzon State University, the other goat and sheep centers
10 in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, and those that will be created pursuant to
11 this Act;
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13 b. **Crossbred** - refers to the offspring of two (2) purebred animals;
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15 c. **Performance Testing** - refers to the systematic selection of the best animal
16 from a population raised under the same environment. The basic
17 consideration is its genetic potential;
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19 d. **Research Network** - refers to the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry
20 and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCARRD), Department
21 of Agriculture and private organization conducting researches geared
22 towards developing technology that will increase productivity of smallholder
23 farmers;
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25 e. **Smallholder Farmers** - are basically farmers owning below twenty (20) heads
26 of goats or sheep;
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1 f. *Upgraded* - refers to the offspring of a cross between a native stock and an
2 exotic breed of animal.

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4 **SEC. 4. Scope.** - The activities of the Philippine Goat and Sheep Center
5 encompass all research and development efforts in all disciplines that lead to the
6 improvement of the over-all productivity of the Philippine goat and sheep. In addition,
7 research efforts to increase the annual population growth rate of small ruminants to
8 meet existing and future demand shall be pursued.

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

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25 **SEC. 6. Philippine Goat and Sheep Center Board.** - The Advisory Board shall
26 formulate policies and oversee the implementation of the Philippine Goat and Sheep

1 Center, in consonance with the National Research and Development policies. The
2 Philippine Goat and Sheep Center Advisory Board shall be composed of the following:

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- 4 1. President of the Central Luzon State University (CLSU);
- 5 2. Director of Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Animal
6 Industry/Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAI/BAR);
- 7 3. Executive Director of the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry
8 and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCARRD);
- 9 4. Provincial Government representative;
- 10 5. Farmers representative; and
- 11 6. Executive Director of the Philippine Goat and Sheep Center.
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13 The CLSU President shall be the Chair, the Director of DA-BAI shall be the Vice-
14 Chair, while the Executive Director of the Philippine Goat and Sheep Center shall serve
15 as the Ex-Officio Secretary.

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17 *SEC. 7. Implementation and Coordination of the Program of the CLSU.* - The
18 Philippine Goat and Sheep Center Board shall be tasked to coordinate and monitor the
19 implementation of the program. It shall identify, through the Department of
20 Agriculture, the Director of the Philippine Goat and Sheep Center and Project Leaders
21 from various implementing stations of the research and development projects in the
22 areas of breeding, nutrition, animal health, reproductive physiology, socio-economics,
23 techno-transfer, product development and utilization and environmental impact
24 assessment. It shall formulate strategies relative to the performance testing of bucks
25 and rams, multiplication and distribution of elite germplasm purebreds, crossbreds and
26 native bucks and rams. There shall be satellite centers in the islands of Luzon, Visayas
27 and Mindanao. The center in Luzon shall be the Central Luzon State University (CLSU)

1 in Nueva Ecija. The center in Visayas shall be the Visayas State University (VSU) in
2 Leyte. The center in Mindanao shall be the DA-Bagalupa Stock Farm in Zamboanga del
3 Sur.

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5 The CLSU in Nueva Ecija shall be the Philippine Goat and Sheep National Center
6 which specializes in the development of breeding system of the goat and sheep of
7 smallholder farmers with exotic breeds and shall specialize in the breeding of purebred
8 small ruminants and its crossbreds and generation of technology on goat dairying and
9 sheep fiber. Furthermore, the center shall specialize in the development of technology
10 on nutrition, reproductive physiology, animal health, product development and
11 utilization, socio-economics and techno-transfer.

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

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18 **SEC. 8. Farmers' Participation.** - The farmer cooperators shall be encouraged to
19 strengthen existing farmers' cooperatives or establish strong farmers association to
20 serve as focal point for government assistance, production and multiplication of
21 upgraded small ruminants and on the dissemination of new knowledge on goat
22 dairying and fiber production from sheep.

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24 **SEC. 9. Funding.** - To fund the Philippine Goat and Sheep Center, the amount of
25 Twenty Million Pesos (Php20,000,000.00) shall be appropriated by the Department of
26 Budget and Management from the unexpended balance of the National Treasury and
27 thereafter, shall be included in the General Appropriations Act. The salaries of

1 permanent staff and maintenance and operating budget shall be appropriated and
2 released directly to the various agencies of the Philippine Goat and Sheep Center
3 Network, in accordance with the approved program of activities.

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5 Any income derived from the sale of goats and sheep shall be placed in a
6 revolving fund to be used in the propagation and distribution of goat and sheep.

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

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

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16 Approved,