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HOUSE BILL NO. 0 684

Introduced by Honorable Nicanor M. Briones

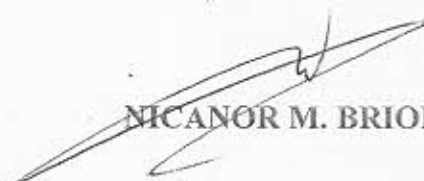
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide indemnification for owners whose livestock are affected by highly communicable diseases amending for the purpose Presidential Decree No. 914 and appropriating funds therefore.

The raising and breeding of livestock is one of the major industries in the Philippines. The development of the livestock industry means the increased production of meat and other animal products to bolster the national economy. The presence of dangerous communicable diseases, such as foot and mouth disease (FMD), hog cholera, new-castle disease, Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), bird flu and other similar diseases, are harmful to the livestock industry and to the health and well-being of our people. The spread of these diseases threaten the viability of the livestock industry and, consequently, the national food security.

Hence, to ensure the development of the livestock industry, it is necessary that a law be passed to indemnify the owners for the loss of livestock affected by dangerous communicable diseases.

In order that our local livestock industry is protected, enhanced and compensated, the approval of this bill is strongly recommended.


NICANOR M. BRIONES

1 g) FORMULATE A SCHEME AND ESTABLISH
2 COMPREHENSIVE POLICY GUIDELINES FOR THE
3 MONITORING OF HIGHLY COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
4 WHICH AFFECT LIVESTOCK AND PROVIDE
5 INDEMNIFICATION FOR THE OWNERS WHOSE
6 LIVESTOCK ARE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE
7 SPREAD OF SUCH HIGHLY COMMUNICABLE
8 DISEASES; and

9 h) To perform such other functions as may be
10 necessary to attain the objectives of the livestock
11 development programs.”

12 SEC. 2. Section 6 of the same Presidential Decree is hereby
13 amended to read as follows:

14 SEC. 6. *Livestock Development and*
15 *INDEMNIFICATION Fund.* – xxx

16 THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED MILLION
17 (P300,000,000.00) IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED AS
18 ADDITIONAL FUND FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT
19 OF LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY. THERE SHALL BE
20 CONTINUOUS MONITORING OF HIGHLY
21 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AFFECTING LIVESTOCK

1 OR INDEMNIFICATION FOR OWNERS WHOSE
2 LIVESTOCK ARE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY SUCH
3 DISEASES.”

4 SEC. 3. *Rules and Regulations* – The Department of
5 Agriculture and the Department of Health are hereby mandated to
6 issue the necessary rules and regulations to effectively enforce this
7 Act.

8 SEC. 4. *Effectivity*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
9 days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of
10 general circulation.

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