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HOUSE BILL NO. 6712

Introduced by Honorable Kimi S. Cojuangco

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for a limitation on the importation by the National Dairy Authority of pregnant and breedable heifers.

Dairy animals are our source of milk and other dairy products. Statistical data from the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics show that, despite the joint efforts of the government and agricultural sectors, we produce less than one percent (1%) of our total annual milk and dairy products requirements. Thus, in order to fill up the shortage we have to import from other countries.

Each year, the National Dairy Authority (NDA) import dairy animals from New Zealand through public bidding. For the years 2012 and 2013, the NDA will import four thousand (4,000) heads of dairy animals comprising of pregnant and breedable heifers. These dairy animals are to be distributed to cooperatives as well as farmers who breed or cross breed imported heifers with our local dairy animals. It has been observed, however, that there is a large discrepancy between the price of imported pregnant and breedable heifers and that of the locally bred cattle of the same quality to the prejudice of our local farmers. Thus, some farmers are discouraged to breed dairy animals because they fail to get a good return on their investment.

Under this proposed bill, the importation of pregnant and breedable heifers will be limited to a certain percentage of the total annual procurement by the National Dairy Authority. Likewise, the

purchase price of the imported pregnant and breedable heifers established during the public bidding will be the guiding price for the sale of local dairy animals of the same quality. Consequently, this will encourage local farmers to breed dairy animals.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is highly recommended.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING CERTAIN CONDITIONS ON THE PROCUREMENT AND
IMPORTATION OF PREGNANT AND BREEDABLE HEIFERS BY THE
NATIONAL DAIRY AUTHORITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7884, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL
DAIRY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1995"

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

SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 7884, otherwise known as the "National Dairy Development Act of 1995", is hereby amended by inserting a new section to be designated as Section 17-A, to read as follows:

"SEC. 17-A. PROCUREMENT AND IMPORTATION OF PREGNANT AND BREEDABLE HEIFERS. - IMPORTATION OF PREGNANT AND BREEDABLE HEIFERS SHALL BE ALLOWED ONLY WHEN SUCH IMPORTATION OR SERIES THEREOF CONSTITUTE UP TO A MAXIMUM OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE TOTAL ANNUAL PROCUREMENT BY THE AUTHORITY: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE PURCHASE PRICE FOR THE IMPORTED PREGNANT AND BREEDABLE HEIFERS ESTABLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY THROUGH PUBLIC BIDDING SHALL SERVE AS THE

GUIDING PRICE FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCUREMENT OF LOCALLY PRODUCED CATTLE OF EQUIVALENT QUALITY.

AS USED IN THIS ACT, "*LOCALLY PRODUCED CATTLE OF EQUIVALENT QUALITY*" REFERS TO PREGNANT AND BREEDABLE HEIFERS THAT ARE DESCENDANTS OF BREEDERS AND/OR STOCKS THAT HAVE A MINIMUM DAIRY LINEAGE COMPONENT OF FIFTY PERCENT (50%) UP TO A MAXIMUM OF SEVENTY FIVE PERCENT (75%) WITH A MINIMUM WEIGHT OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY KILOGRAM (180 KG.) ATTAINED IN A MAXIMUM TIME FRAME OF EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS AFTER CALVING."

SEC. 2. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or part thereof which are inconsistent with this Act or with the rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions thereof not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,