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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR) is one of the staff bureaus of the Department of Agriculture (DA) which was established to lead and coordinate the national agriculture and fisheries research and development (R&D) in the country. BAR is committed to consolidate, strengthen, and develop the agriculture and fisheries R&D system for the purpose of improving its effectiveness and efficiency by ensuring customer satisfaction and continuous improvement through work excellence, teamwork and networking, accountability and innovation.

This bill seeks to strengthen the BAR by granting it additional funding and setting additional standards and functions in its present set of responsibilities. The urgent passage of this bill is thus earnestly requested.

  
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1     **AN ACT TO INTEGRATE, COORDINATE, AND INTENSIFY SCIENTIFIC AND**  
2     **TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN AGRICULTURE**

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

3           SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This shall be known as the “Agriculture Research and  
4     Development Act of 2013.”

5           SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policies.* – The State recognizes that the agriculture  
6     sector provides food and vital raw materials for the rest of the economy;

7           The State also recognizes that rising productivity and efficiency in the agricultural  
8     sector are critical in maintaining the affordability of food and purchasing power, especially  
9     among the poor;

10          It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote, propagate, develop further and  
11     implement a scientific and technological research and development program for the  
12     agricultural sector.

13          SECTION 3. *Bureau of Agricultural Research.* – In the implementation of the  
14     foregoing policy, the Government shall, through the existing Bureau of Agricultural  
15     Research:

16          (1) Stimulate and guide scientific, engineering and technological efforts towards  
17     filling the basic and immediate agricultural needs of the people;

(2) Survey the scientific, engineering and technological resources of the country and formulate a comprehensive program for the development and maximum utilization of such resources in the solution of the country's problems in agriculture;

(3) Strengthen the educational system of the country so that the same will provide a steady source of competent scientific and technological manpower for the agricultural sector;

(4) Furnish incentives to private and individual initiative in scientific work in agriculture;

(5) Promote and encourage the dissemination of the results of scientific and technological research in agriculture and the general application thereof;

(6) Encourage and facilitate the active participation of domestic and foreign sectors in furnishing financial, technical and other forms of assistance for scientific and technological activities that promote the agriculture sector;

(7) Promote coordination and cooperation in research in order to secure concentration of effort, minimize duplication and thereby achieve maximum progress in the agriculture sector;

(8) Initiate and bring about the establishment of standards, quality control measures and documentation facilities; and

(9) Encourage studies in the agriculture-intensive courses.

**SECTION 4. *Travel and Study Grants.*** – The Board shall extend travel and study grants for agricultural purposes; to send delegates and/or observers to agricultural scientific and technological conferences or conventions; and to promote and assist agricultural scientific and technological conferences and conventions in the Philippines.

**SECTION 5. *Funding.*** – The amount of FIFTY MILLION PESOS (P50,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the initial year of this Act. Every year thereafter, the amount of FIFTY MILLION PESOS (P50,000,000.00) shall be included in the budget of the Department for the implementation and continued expansion of this program.

**SECTION 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Secretary shall adopt rules and regulation to implement the provisions of this Act within ninety (90) days from the date of effectivity of this Act.

1           SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act or the application of  
2 such provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid, the remainder of the Act or  
3 the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected by  
4 such declaration.

5           SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive  
6 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent  
7 with this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

8           SECTION 9. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
9 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Adopted,