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Introduced by **Honorable ERLPE JOHN "PING" M. AMANTE**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create the Caraga National Dairy Cow Research Center which shall lead in the research of breeding and raising dairy cows in Caraga Region.

This is to support the Philippines' Dairy Roadmap 2010-2016 which envisions a vibrant local dairy industry providing affordable milk to Filipinos and contributing to agribusiness expansion and job generation.

The National Dairy Authority (NDA) projects by 2014 a demand of 98.02 million liters of Ready-to-Drink Milk; however, supply will only be 89.10 million liters in which 52.08 million liters (58%) have to be imported. This is equivalent to Php 3.2 billion to 3.9 billion.

To achieve the Roadmap's target of 43% local milk sufficiency by 2016, a total of 20,000 dairy animals should be infused to build the required milking herd of about 55,000 heads. With dairy cows being more productive than other milk-producing animals, it is imperative that we increase and improve its stock and complement this with the promotion of dairy production enterprises through research and development.

The Caraga State University is being proposed as location of the Center due to available land area and its experience in breeding large ruminants.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT
CREATING THE CARAGA NATIONAL DAIRY COW RESEARCH CENTER
AT THE CARAGA STATE UNIVERSITY, BRGY. AMPAYON, BUTUAN CITY
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the
“Caraga National Dairy Cow Research Center Act.”

SECTION 2. *Creation of the Caraga National Dairy Cow Research Center.* — There is hereby created a Caraga National Dairy Cow Research Center, hereinafter referred to as the CNDCRC, which shall lead in the research of dairy cow breeding and development of dairy production enterprises in Caraga Region, and shall be under the supervision and control of the National Dairy Authority.

The CNDCRC shall be located inside the Caraga State University (CSU), Brgy. Ampayon, Butuan City or in any other area within Caraga Region the CNDCRC Advisory Board deems appropriate.

SECTION 3. *Objectives and Functions* – The CNDCRC shall have the following objectives and functions:

- a. Provide the National Dairy Authority (NDA) and local farmers a steady supply of quality dairy cow stocks at reasonable prices through an organized program of production, breeding, and dispersal which may be in partnership with the private sector;

- b. Undertake scientific research that shall lead to the improvement of over-all productivity of dairy cows in the Philippines, as well as developmental research to promote the establishment of dairy production and processing enterprises;
- c. Conduct training programs for farmers and entrepreneurs to transfer knowledge and technology on the proper reproduction and raising of dairy cows and the processing of its milk to different products;
- d. Coordinate with the NDA in implementing programs to boost local production of milk and reduce importation of milk and other dairy products; and,
- e. Enter into memoranda of agreement and receive donations through the Department of Agriculture from local and foreign sources.

SECTION 4. *CNDCRC Advisory Board.* — The CNDCRC Advisory Board shall be composed of the following:

- a. Administrator of the NDA or his representative, as Chairman;
- b. Executive Director, Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources, Research and Development (PCARRD);
- c. President of the Caraga State University;
- d. Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry;
- e. Executive Director of CNDCRC; and,
- f. Farmers' representative to be appointed by the Board.

SECTION 5. *Functions of the CNDCRC Advisory Board.* — The CNDCRC Advisory Board shall perform the following functions;

- a. Formulate policies, programs and projects for the development of Philippine dairy cow stocks and dairy production and processing enterprises;
- b. Review and recommend the annual budget of the CNDCRC; and,
- c. Evaluate the implementation, efficiency and effectiveness of the program and projects of the CNDCRC.

SECTION 6. *Executive Director of the CNDCRC.* — The Executive Director of the CNDCRC shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 7. *Personnel and Staff* — The CNDCRC Executive Director shall appoint such other personnel and staff as may be necessary for the effective operation of the CNDCRC subject to existing rules and regulations.

SECTION 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture shall issue rules and regulations as he may deem necessary for the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 9. *Appropriation.* — The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

Any income from the sale of dairy cow stocks, bull semen, and other valuable produce of the CNDCRC shall be placed in a revolving fund to be used to support its operations.

SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected hereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 12. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,