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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Native animals especially in the rural areas have always been an important part of our agricultural production as these animals are sources of high quality protein and serve as fair amount of income for the small-scale farmers and other rural citizens. These days where there is a preference for all-natural products due to its higher quality and with it, a more premium price point; add to that a continuous increase in demand due to an ever growing human population. The time is now for the government to provide proper development and utilization of these native animals and put an emphasis on technology generation and promotion, technical support services and implementation of policies, education of farmers on the improvement and profitable utilization of these animals for food and added income.

The Philippine native animals have always been a staple in our country, with the increasing demand it is only right that we secure for the future the supply needed to cope with the demand. The Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) may address some of these but for the implementation and policies to be institutionalized a legal mandate is required to push this into a government policy.

The urgent passing of this bill is thus earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROMOTING THE SCIENTIFIC PROPAGATION, PROCESSING, UTILIZATION, AND
DEVELOPMENT OF PHILIPPINE NATIVE ANIMALS, HEREBY CREATING THE
PHILIPPINE NATIVE ANIMAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

Section 1. Title. - This act shall be known as the "Philippine Native Animals Development Act of 2016."

Section 2. Declaration Policy. - The Constitution provides that the State shall develop a self-reliant and independent national economy effectively controlled by Filipinos, and shall provide for the preservation, conservation, and development of comprehensive rural development and agrarian reform. It also provides that the State shall support indigenous, appropriate, and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, and their application to the country's productive systems and national life. Towards this end, a comprehensive program for the promotion and development of native animals shall be established, creating what is to be known as the Philippine Native Animals Development Center.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. - As used in this Act, the following terms shall mean;

- a) "Philippine Native Animals Development Center" refers to the National Swine and Poultry Development Center of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), and those that will be created pursuant to this Act;
- b) "Smallholder Farmer" refers to a farmer owning or cultivating five (5) hectares or less of farmland;
- c) "Native Animals" refers to animals found in one geographic location that developed unique physical characteristics, behavior, product attributes, adapted to the local environment and are products of selection with no infusion of exotic breed for at least

five (5) generations. Examples include, but are not limited to, (native) chicken, goat, pig, duck, cattle, sheep, and horses.

Section 4. Creation of the Philippine Native Animals Development Center. – There is hereby created a Philippine Native Animal Development Center, hereinafter referred to as the PNADC, administratively attached to and under the supervision and control of the DA.

Section 5. Powers and Function of the PNADC. – The PNADC shall have the following powers and functions;

- a) Conserve, propagate, utilize and promote Philippine native animals such as, but no limited to, (native) chicken, goat, pig, duck, cattle, sheep, and horses through the use of appropriate technology;
- b) Undertake research activities in all disciplines that lead to the improvement of the over-all productivity of Philippine native animals through collaborations with other government instrumentalities, state colleges and universities, and other private research and development institutions;
- c) Enable the farmers, particularly smallholder farmers, to avail themselves of good quality native animals stocks at all times and at reasonable prices through an organized program of production, breeding, training and dispersal;
- d) Undertake training programs for farmers, particularly smallholder farmers, designated to transfer technology on the proper reproduction and utilization of native animals;
- e) Encourage backyard development in rural areas by raising native animals so as to meet the nutrition needs of the smallholder farmers and their families and reduce dependence on commercialized or imported products;
- f) Increasing the existing annual population growth of Philippine native animals to capture the supply and demand gap in the native animal market; and,
- g) Perform such other related functions which shall promote the propagation, processing, utilization and development of Philippine native animals.

Section 6. Philippine Native Animals Framework for Development. – The PNADC, in coordination with the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR), native animal growers' cooperatives and organizations, local government units, and the private sector, shall formulate a twenty-year Framework for Development to be validated and updated annually. Such Framework shall serve as a guide to the formulation and implementation of plans, programs, and projects for the propagation, processing, utilization and development of Philippine native animals, as envisioned in this Act. The Framework shall likewise provide for the following:

- a) *Investment Promotion and Facilitation* – The DA shall develop programs establishing links between stakeholders in the native animal industry and

1 Government Financial Institutions (GFI's) and other financial cooperatives. The
2 DA shall likewise develop and implement programs that would establish
3 reasonable and innovative investment incentives to attract more players in
4 the native animal industry;

- 5 b) *Production Support and Extension* – The DA through the BAI, in consultation with
6 DOST, state universities and colleges and other relevant government agencies
7 shall establish programs which shall promote and provide adequate trainings on
8 adapting technologies to smallholder farmers or individuals engaged in the
9 propagation, utilization marketing, processing, and distribution of native animals,
10 strengthen native animal cooperatives and organizations involved in the
11 sustainable and viable development of native animals; and afford opportunities
12 for participation in International conventions, workshops and fora. The DA shall
13 likewise make good breeds readily available to farmers and farmer cooperatives
14 to ensure high yield in good quality of native animals;

- 15 c) *Research and Development* – The DA, through the BAI, and the Bureau of
16 Agricultural Research (BAR) shall strengthen research collaboration among state
17 universities and other research institutions for technical support in the areas of
18 biotechnology and other fields that promote the development of the native
19 animals sector. It shall strengthen the existing National Swine and Poultry
20 Research Development Center to become the central coordinating center and
21 gene pool for native animals. The DA, through the BAI and BAR, shall likewise
22 establish sites and/or pilot farms for the propagation, processing, utilization and
23 development of Philippine native animals. The same also covers the transfer and
24 improvement of appropriate technology and techniques, which will be utilized in
25 every phase of native animal propagation, marketing, processing, and dispersal.
26 Particular emphasis shall be made in preserving the genetic make-up of these
27 native animals and to ensure economic viability and acceptance of technology to
28 farmers;

- 29 d) *Market Promotions and Development* – The DA shall strive to strengthen its
30 various programs such as the Agri-Pinoy Livestock Program and other similar
31 programs in the promotion and development of native animals. The DA, in
32 coordination with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), shall link-up
33 agribusiness cooperative and organizations directly with consumer cooperatives
34 and organizations. This also includes exploring national and international markets
35 and facilitating the preparation of local growers and producers in local and
36 international conferences, trade fairs, and exhibits;

- 1 e) *Quality Assurance* – To ensure health and proper handling, the DA, together with
2 the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS), shall establish and enforce
3 standards in propagating, processing, grading, sampling, tests and analysis,
4 specifications, nomenclature, inspection, conservation, utilization and
5 transportation of Philippine native animals; and,
6 f) *Infrastructure Development* – The DA shall facilitate the provision and/or
7 installment of needed propagation and post-harvest facilities, distribution and
8 transport facilities, and other facilities in the propagation, processing, utilization
9 and development of Philippine native animals. The existing facilities of NMIS,
10 attached bureaus under the DA, and other agencies of the government, shall
11 likewise be utilized for the said purposes. Assistance shall likewise be given to
12 qualified and viable farmers or cooperatives in the availment of soft loans or
13 grants for the construction of native animal propagation and processing facilities.

14 **Section 7. PNADC Advisory Board.** – The PNADC Advisory Board shall be composed of
15 the following:

- 16 a) Secretary of the DA as Chairperson;
17 b) Director of the BAI as Vice-Chairperson;
18 c) Assistant Secretary for Livestock as Chairperson of the Philippine Native Animal
19 Development Program (PNAD);
20 d) Director of the BAR as Head of the Native Animal Technical Writing Group;
21 e) Executive Director of the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and National
22 Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD);
23 f) Representative from the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources
24 (DENR);
25 g) Representative from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED);
26 h) Representative from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI);
27 i) Two (2) Representatives from the appropriate state colleges and universities
28 offering veterinary medicine and animal science courses (SCU); and,
29 j) Two (2) Representative from native animal farmers'/producers'/processors'
30 association.

31 **Section 8. Functions of the PNADC Advisory Board.** – The PNADC Advisory Board shall
32 perform the following functions:

- 33 a) Formulate policies, programs and projects for the development of the Philippine
34 native animals pursuant to the PNADC Framework for Development;
35 b) Review and recommend the annual budget of the PNADC;

- c) Evaluate the implementation, efficiency and effectiveness of the program and projects of the PNADC;
- d) Recommend the establishment or abolition of the PNAD Centers as may be deemed necessary;
- e) Promote the program and projects of the PNADC through information dissemination and marketing; and,
- f) Perform such other related functions as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and provision of this Act.

The Board shall regularly meet in every fiscal year and may hold special meetings, whenever the need arises, to consider urgent matters upon the call of the Chairman or any seven (7) board members.

Section 9. Executive Director of the PNADC. – The Executive Director of the PNADC shall be appointed by the Secretary of the DA. The Executive Director shall perform the following functions:

- a) Oversee the implementation of the policies, programs and projects of the PNADC;
- b) Assist the PNADC Advisory Board in the review, evaluation and monitoring of the PNAD Program; and,
- c) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the PNADC Advisory Board.

Section 10. Creation of Native Animals Regional Centers. – There shall be created at least one (1) native animal center in every region of the country. Namely Native Animal Regional Center (hereinafter referred to as NARC). The NARC shall administer the programs, projects and policies of the PNADC in their respective locality to ensure the following:

- a) Implement various programs and projects of the PNADC in their respective regions;
- b) Recommend other relevant policies, projects and programs to the Executive Director of the PNADC; and,
- c) Perform such other function as may be assigned by the Executive Director of the PNADC.

Section 11. Farmers' Participation. – The farmer-participants shall be encouraged to establish strong farmer associations or cooperatives to serve as the focal point for government assistance in the propagation and dispersal of Philippine native animals and dissemination of technology on native animals.

Section 12. Participation of Local Government Units (LGU's). – The LGU's, in close partnership with the native animal regional centers and various offices of the DA at the local level, shall implement a native animal propagation and dispersal program within their

1 respective areas in accordance with the national policy and program of the PNADC. The
2 PNADC shall adopt a national dispersal program to primarily benefit the smallholder farmers.
3 Any income from the sale of native animals and their products shall be placed in a revolving
4 fund to be used in the propagation, distribution and development of native animals.

5 **Section 13. Use of Funds.** – Not more than thirty percent (30%) of funds allocated under
6 this Act and in subsequent annual appropriations shall be used for personal services, and
7 maintenance and operating expenses; thirty percent (30%) for research and development;
8 and forty percent (40%) for native animals propagation and distribution.

9 **Section 14. Annual Report.** – The PNADC through its Executive Director shall submit an
10 annual report to the Office of the President, the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Food,
11 and the House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture and Food on the status of the
12 implementation of this Act.

13 **Section 15. Appropriations.** – For the effective implementation of this Act, the Government
14 through the DA shall include appropriate funding from the annual General Appropriations
15 Funds, said funds will be utilized for personnel services, interest and other maintenance and
16 operating expenses as well as other expenditures needed to maintain the program.

17 **Section 16. Transfer of Philippine Native Animal Development Programs** to the
18 PNADC. Upon approval of this Act, the Philippine Native Animal Development Program
19 (PNAD) and other existing native animal programs and projects implemented by various
20 agencies shall be transferred to the PNADC.

21 **Section 17. Separability Clause.** - Should any provision of this Act be subsequently
22 declared as unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity or the legality of the other
23 provisions.

24 **Section 18. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, other
25 issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or
26 amended accordingly.

27 **Section 19. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the
28 Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,