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**HOUSE BILL NO. 7816**

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Introduced by: **“KUYA” JOSE ANTONIO R. SY-ALVARADO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Section 10, Article XIV of the Constitution provides that science and technology are essential for national development and progress. State shall give priority to research and development, invention, innovation and their utilization.

Service production in the Philippines is a ₱ 191- Billion industry and the largest among the livestock and poultry industries of the country. The Service industry is still being set by important problem that needs government intervention and support. One major Problem is disease, which accounts for about 20% loss in the value of service production. However, a 5% increase in production cost can be contributed to express on drugs to ensure survival rate and productivity of pigs.

This bill seeks for the establishment of diagnostics laboratory to diagnose disease, and to initiate the development and implementation of an efficient and effectivity disease monitoring and surveillance system that is armed with functional and reliable diagnostic laboratories. Further, the establishment of a diagnostic laboratory is essential to ensure a nutritious and disease-free source of animal food products for consumers.

Hence, this proposal is submitted for consideration.

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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY TO IDENTIFY THE DISEASES**  
**AFFECTING LOCAL HOGS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. ***Declaration of Policy.*** – It is the declared policy of the state to develop and support the livestock industry in the country. It is concerned in protecting the industry from diseases that adversely affect it. The early detection of the diseases that affect the local hog industry is critical to control the diseases to prevent death of the hogs and to limit the economic losses of the country. Further, the establishment of a diagnostic laboratory is essential to ensure a nutritious and disease-free source of animal food products for consumers.

Section 2. ***Establishment of a Diagnostic Laboratory for Local Hogs.*** The Department of Agriculture shall establish a state of the art Diagnostic Laboratory to prevent Diseases for Local Hogs. The laboratory shall study and identify the disease strains that hit local hogs and shall recommend vaccines that shall counter such strains.

Section. 3. ***Appropriations.*** The necessary budget to establish the diagnostic laboratory shall be included in the 2009 budget of the Department of Agriculture.

Section 4. ***Rules and Regulations.*** — The Department of Agriculture shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective enforcement of the provisions of this Act

Section 5. ***Separability Clause.*** - Should any provision of this Act or any part thereof be declared invalid, the other provisions, so far as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. ***Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. ***Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*

