

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9366



Introduced by Representative Mercedes “Didi” C. Cagas

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CARABAO CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7307, ENTITLED, ‘AN ACT
CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER TO PROPAGATE AND PROMOTE
THE PHILIPPINE CARABAO’

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The carabao is considered as the national animal of the Philippines as it symbolizes the Filipino’s indomitable spirit, strength, efficiency, perseverance and hard work. From being a source of draft power for farming, carabao products has become a major contributor for a sustainable agricultural industry as it also provides meat and dairy products for consumption, and hide.

As stated in the 2020 Carabao Situation Report released by the Philippine Statistics Authority Today, carabao production is considered a multi-billion-peso industry with P11.48 billion gross value in 2020. However, the supply and disposition of live carabao has been declining over the years.

In the same report, Davao Del Sur was ranked as one of the top ten (10) carabao producing provinces with a production of 3.48 thousand metric tons, liveweight. This representation believes that given the proper government resources, the Province of Davao Del Sur shall have the capacity to further improve carabao production and contribute more in the development of the carabao industry. The proposed establishment of the Carabao Center in Davao Del Sur shall enable the conservation, propagation, and promotion of the Carabao as a source of milk, meat, draft power and hide which will not only improve the income and overall living standard of smallholder farm families in the Province but will also contribute to national food security.

It is for the foregoing reason that the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. The third paragraph of Section 12 of Republic Act No. 7307 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 12. *Implementation and Coordination of the Program.* – The PCC Advisory Board through the Executive Director shall coordinate, monitor and evaluate the implementation of the carabao program.

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Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao shall initially have a total of [thirteen (13)] **FOURTEEN (14)** carabao centers. The centers in Luzon shall be located at U.P. Los Baños (UPLB) in Laguna; Central Luzon State University (CLSU) in Nueva Ecija; Cagayan State University (CSU) in Cagayan; Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU) in Ilocos Norte; and Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU) in La Union. The centers in Visayas shall be at La Carlota Stock Farm in Negros Occidental; Ubay Stock Farm in Bohol; Visayas State College of Agriculture (VISCA) in Leyte; and West Visayas State University in Iloilo. The Centers in Mindanao shall be at Central Mindanao University (CMU) in Bukidnon; University of Southern Mindanao (USM) in Cotabato; Mindanao State University in Marawi City, [and] Mindanao Livestock Development Complex in Kalawit, Labason, Zamboanga del Norte[.], **AND DAVAO DEL SUR.** These centers shall specialize in the development of technology on reproduction, breeding, nutrition, animal health and processing of meat and milk.

SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,