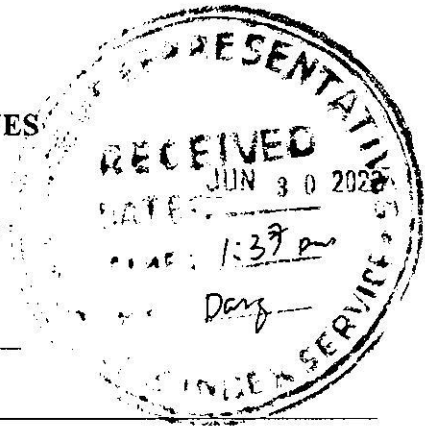


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HOUSE BILL NO. 149



INTRODUCED BY HON. FERNANDO T. CABREDO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to create a Carabao Center in the Municipality of Guinobatan in the Province of Albay, amending for the purpose Section 12 of Republic Act No. 7307, entitled "An Act Creating The Philippine Carabao Center to Propagate And Promote The Philippine Carabao And For Other Purposes."

It is worth noting that during the previous Congress, this bill was approved by the House of Representatives on Third Reading and was transmitted to the Senate. Unfortunately, the Senate was not able to act on it on time.

R. A. No. 7307 created thirteen (13) carabao centers throughout the country but not one of them was in the Bicol Region. It is hoped that with the enactment of this bill into a law, the Bicol Region shall be assured of the continued conservation, propagation, and promotion of the carabao as a source of milk, meat, draft animal power and hide.

An article in the newspaper Sun Star Davao enumerated the benefits that can be derived from carabaos. For one, carabao milk is richer and creamier than goat and cow milk. It is also a most complete food because it contains protein, fat, lactose, vitamins and minerals and water. Its hide is useful too as it can be cooked into "chicharon," "kare-kare," and can be a favorite "pulutan" when its softened thin slices are spiced heavily with ginger, onion, and red pepper. Recent studies also show that carabao meat has better quality than cattle. Carabao manure is also a good organic fertilizer and fuel source and when mixed with clay, serves as a building material or as plaster.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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**AN ACT CREATING A CARABAO CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
GUINOBATAN, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7307, ENTITLED "AN ACT CREATING
THE PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER TO PROPAGATE AND PROMOTE THE
PHILIPPINE CARABAO AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

*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 to read as follows:

"SEC. 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.

"x x x

"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
Banos (UPLB) in Laguna, **BICOL UNIVERSITY (BU) - BICOL UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES (BUCAF) IN
GUINOBATAN, ALBAY**; Central Luzon State University (CLSU) in Nueva Ecija,
Cagayan State University (CSU) in Cagayan, Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State
University (DMMMSU) in La Union. x x x."

SEC. 2. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included
in the annual General Appropriations Act;

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, executive orders, presidential issuances and other
administrative rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions
of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,