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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5606



Introduced by Representative Michael L. Romero

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bureau of Animal Industry was organized on January 31, 1930 pursuant to Act No. 3639 dividing the Bureau of Agriculture into two distinct entities: The Bureau of Plant Industry and the **Bureau of Animal Industry**.

Since its creation, the bureau went through several organizational changes, in 1932, Act No. 4007, known as the Reorganization Act of 1932, recognized the Bureau into 5 major entities: Office of the Director, Animal Husbandry Division, Animal Disease Control Division, Veterinary Research Division and Animal Product Division.

On January 6, 1957, by virtue of Reorganization Plan No. 30 as implemented by Executive Order No. 216, the bureau was subjected to a thorough reorganization. Bureau functions were realigned. Old Divisions retained were revitalized and new divisions were created to meet the ever widening responsibilities of the bureau.

The Veterinary Research Division, the Parasitic Diseases Division, the Animal Product Division and the Poultry Division were abolished. These divisions were created: the Animal Diseases and Parasitic Research Division to undertake all researches in animal diseases and parasites; the Laboratory Services Division to handle laboratory services and the manufacture of veterinary drugs and biologics; the Livestock and Poultry Propagation Division to undertake all the functions of former Animal Husbandry Division, excepts researches; the Livestock Research Division to conduct researches on nutrition, breed improvement, and management of poultry. An Office of the Director was constituted and the position of Assistant Director therein created.

The Administrative Division was renamed Administrative Services Division; the Animal Control Division, the Regulations and Control Division' and the Animal Husbandry Division, the Livestock and Poultry Propagation Division.

Through the years, the bureau underwent several more changes. It has expanded to seven Technical Divisions, namely: the Animal Health Division (formerly the Regulations and Control Division), the Animal Feeds Standard Division (formerly the Animal Feed Control Division), the Dairy Development Division, the Livestock Development Division (formerly the Livestock and Poultry Propagation Division), the Laboratory Services Division, the Marketing Development Division, and the Research Division.

This House Bill seeks to provide **Modernization Funding** to the **Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)**, to improve quality of life for all Filipinos through increased farm incomes, productivity and food production using safe and appropriate fertilizer and pesticide inputs.

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Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR MODERNIZATION FUNDINGFOR THE **BUREAU
OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY (BAI)**, INCREASING AND REORGANIZING
ITS ADMINISTRATION, TO ESTABLISH A VIBRANT AND
COMPETITIVE ANIMAL INDUSTRY TOWARDS FOOD SECURITY
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It shall hereby be a
declared policy of the State to establish a premier agency for a vibrant and
competitive animal industry towards food security.

The state shall foster the animal industry to be productive and profitable
under sustainable environment through sound policies, programs, research
and services on animal production, post-harvest, health and welfare.

The state shall continually improve the effectiveness of our Quality Management
System towards equitable development for improved quality of life for all.

The state shall formulate policies for the efficient and effective administration and management of all manpower, skills and competencies to ensure compliance.

SECTION 2. MODERNIZATION FUNDING. – The amount of Five Hundred Million Pesos (**Php 500,000,000.00**) for the operation and administration of the **Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)** shall be chargeable against funds for the purpose and other sources recommended by the **Department of Budget and Management (DBM)**. Thereafter, appropriations for the **Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)** shall be included in the budget proposals under the Department Agriculture (**DA**).

The Department of Budget and Management (**DBM**) shall rationalize the existing organizational structure and staffing pattern of the in accordance with the provisions of this Act and relevant compensation and position classification laws, rules and regulations.

Thereafter, the amount needed for the continued implementation of the modernization program, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (**GAA**).

SECTION 3. BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY (BAI) MODERNIZATION FUND – There is hereby created the (**BAI**) *Modernization Fund* to be used exclusively for the (**BAI**) *Modernization Program*.

The (**BAI**) *Modernization Fund* shall be administered by the Secretary of the **DA** in accordance with existing government budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. PROGRESS REPORT – The Secretary of **DA** shall prepare an annual report on the status of the implementation of the (**BAI**) *Modernization Programs* which shall be submitted, to the Office of the President

and to the Chairpersons of the Committee of Agriculture and Food of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 5. PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION – The modernization program under this Act shall be implemented for an initial period of two **(2)** years:

Provided, that payments for multi-year contract obligations incurred under this Act may extend beyond this period:

Provided, further, That the **Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)** shall continue to develop, modernize and constantly update its operational capabilities to keep pace with best global practices.

SECTION 6. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS. – The **Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)** shall continue to exercise and uphold the following powers and functions; but not limited to:

- a.** Formulate programs for the prevention, control and eradication of animal diseases and for the development and expansion of the livestock and poultry industries to meet the growing requirement of the growing populace;
- b.** Recommend specific policies and procedures governing the flow of livestock product through the various stages of marketing as well as the proper preservation and inspection of such products;
- c.** Coordinate and monitor the activities and projects relating to livestock and allied industries
- d.** Prescribe standards for quality in the manufacture, importation, labeling, advertising, distribution and sale of livestock, poultry and allied industries and;

- e. Recommend plans and programs, policies and regulations to the Secretary of Agriculture and provide technical assistance in the implementation of the same

SECTION 7. INCREASE OF PERSONNEL. – The **Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)** shall maintain the sufficient staffing pattern. Hence, it is authorized to increase its manpower to meet such required and may continue to increase personnel per percentage rate increase of committed mandates annually or as the need arises.

SECTION 8. TRANSITORY PROVISION – Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty **(60)** days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,