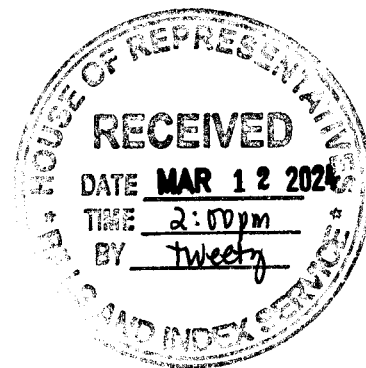




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STRENGTHENING THE ADOPTION OF STRAY AND IMPOUNDED ANIMALS
PROVIDING INCENTIVES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines has made significant progress in protecting animal rights, with strong laws against animal cruelty and a general attitude of kindness towards animals. However, the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), a non-governmental organization, has highlighted a critical issue of animal homelessness in the country. They report that while many dogs and cats are struggling to survive on the streets, municipal pounds euthanize hundreds every month. To address the problem of stray animal overpopulation, there is a pressing need for a solution that encourages adoption.

The proposed measure aims to safeguard the welfare of all animals, including those that are stray or in shelters, by ensuring their needs are met and promoting incentives for their adoption.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the State to protect the welfare
2 of every animal, including stray and impounded pets, and ensure that their needs are adequately
3 met. The State recognizes that the responsibility for the welfare of animals is not solely limited
4 to the authorities. Thus, this law aims to promoting responsible pet adopting, providing stray
5 and impounded animal proper protection.

6 **SEC. 2. Provision for Adoption.** –

7 (a) All impounded and stray animals shall be given the opportunity for adoption;

8 (b) The local government units (LGUs) shall develop and implement programs to
9 promote and facilitate adoption of impounded and stray animals, including but not
10 limited to the establishment of adoption centers, pet fairs, and incentives for
11 adopters; and

12 (c) Adoption of impounded and stray animals shall be considered as a tax incentive for
13 a percentage of the real property tax of the adoptee.

1 **SEC. 3. Certificate of Adoption by LGUs.** – LGUs shall issue certificate of adoption
2 in accordance with the guidelines to be provided by the Bureau of Animal Industry for purposes
3 of the tax incentive benefit stated in Sec. 2(c) of this Act.

4 **SEC. 4. Provisions for Corporations.** –

5 (a) Corporations that promote adoption of impounded and stray animals by their
6 employees may apply for tax deduction on expenses incurred in compliance to this
7 Act; and

8 (b) Corporations are encouraged to establish pet-friendly policies that promote
9 responsible pet ownership, including but not limited to pet insurance, pet care
10 services, and pet-friendly workspaces.

11 **SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The Department of Agriculture, in
12 consultation with the Department of the Interior and Local Government, shall issue rules and
13 regulations to implement this Act within two (2) months from its effectivity.

14 **SEC. 6. Applicability.** – This Act shall apply to all local government units and
15 impounding facilities in the Philippines.

16 **SEC. 7. Separability Clause.** - If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Act
17 shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate or
18 impair any other part of this Act.

19 **SEC. 8. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its
20 publication in the Official Gazette or in any major newspaper of general circulation in the
21 Philippines.

Approved,