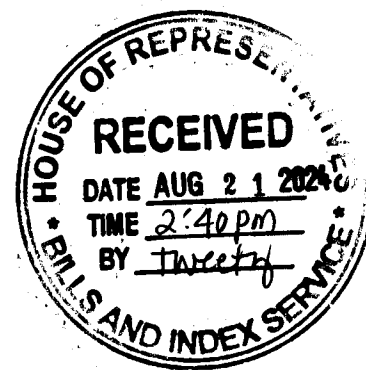




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Animals, whether pets, livestock, or wildlife, play a vital role in society. Their well-being is linked to public health, environmental sustainability, and quality of life in communities.

The creation of veterinary clinics in every city and municipality will offer farmers and pet owners easy access to crucial healthcare services for their animals. Additionally, this initiative aims to shield local government units from the spread of new and existing animal diseases. Moreover, this will rapidly control and manage any potential livestock infection outbreaks.

Unfortunately, access to veterinary services is often challenging due to financial constraints, as most clinics are privately owned. This measure seeks to address this gap by establishing public veterinary clinics in every city and municipality across the Philippines.

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. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the Animal Medical Center
2 Act.

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is declared a policy of the State to protect the
4 welfare of every animal and ensure that their needs are adequately met.

5 Towards this end, this measure seeks to strengthen animal health and veterinary
6 services in all local government units in the country.

7 **SEC. 3. Establishment.** – There shall be established in every city and municipality a
8 public veterinary clinic, which shall be under the direct control and supervision of the city or
9 municipal local government unit, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture – Bureau
10 of Animal Industry (DA-BAI).

11 **SEC. 4. Provision of Space.** – The local government unit shall provide an adequate
12 and accessible lot or space where the veterinary clinic shall be constructed or established.

1 **SEC. 5. Design, Policies, Terms and Conditions.** – The LGU shall prepare, in
2 consultation with the DA-BAI, the design of the structure. The local government unit shall
3 formulate policies, guidelines, terms, and conditions relative to the operation and maintenance
4 of the Veterinary Clinic.

5 **SEC. 6. Administration.** – The local chief executive shall appoint a Chief of
6 Veterinary Clinic, who shall have the same qualifications, compensation, and powers generally
7 exercised by a Chief of a hospital, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Civil Service
8 Commission and the qualification requirements for such office. The Chief Veterinary Clinic
9 shall render full-time service and be responsible for its administration and operation. The local
10 chief executive shall appoint the necessary personnel and staff of the veterinary clinic.

11 **SEC. 7. Funding.** – The city or municipal local government unit shall provide the
12 necessary funds for the establishment of their respective public veterinary clinic. The Secretary
13 of the DA shall include in the Department's subsidy program, support for the capital outlay
14 requirements of the said facility.

15 **SEC. 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within ninety (90) days after the
16 approval of this Act, the DA-BAI shall, in coordination with the DILG, and such other relevant
17 agencies, prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation
18 of this Act.

19 **SEC. 9. Separability Clause.** - If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Act
20 shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate or
21 impair any other part of this Act.

22 **SEC. 10. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
23 memoranda, circulars, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this
24 Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

1 **SEC. 11. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its
2 publication in the Official Gazette or in any major newspaper of general circulation in the
3 Philippines.

Approved,