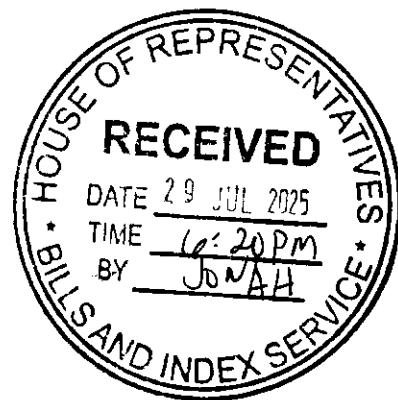




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The prevailing cases of dog bites inflicted with rabies are still a public health problem in the Philippines. These unfortunate losses in the lives of our people could be prevented had there been an easy access to animal proper care and treatment and even the necessary vaccination.

The legislative intent of this measure is to establish a Veterinary Hospital in the Central Mindanao University (CMU) Campus. This will provide many households with pet dogs and cats to receive proper care and treatment, and even anti-rabies vaccination. It will also serve as a training facility for our future veterinarians as it will be strategically constructed in the university.

Consistent with the provision¹ of the Animal Welfare Act, the Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry will supervise and regulate the establishment, operation, and maintenance of the Veterinary Hospital herein sought.

The core objective of this proposed bill is to protect and promote the welfare of pet household animals. As a fully operating veterinary hospital,

¹ Section 3 of RA No. 8485, otherwise known as the "Animal Welfare Act"

this is expected to provide services such as, but not limited to, spray and neuter castration, deworming, and ear cleaning.

In view thereof, the passage of this bill is respectfully requested.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A VETERINARY HOSPITAL INSIDE THE CENTRAL
MINDANAO UNIVERSITY (CMU) CAMPUS IN THE PROVINCE OF
BUKIDNON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. *Establishment Clause.* There is hereby established a Veterinary Hospital inside the Central Mindanao University (CMU) Campus in the Province of Bukidnon, under the supervision and control of the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI).

Sec. 2. *Design, Policies, Terms, and Conditions.* The CMU shall prepare the design of the structure, in consultation with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), with due consideration to service facilities. It shall also formulate policies, guidelines, terms, and conditions relative to the operation and maintenance of the Veterinary Hospital in coordination with the BAI.

Sec. 3. *Organization, Compensation, and Qualifications: Personnel and Staff.* In accordance with Section 3 of RA No. 8485, otherwise known as the "Animal Welfare Act," the Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry shall supervise and regulate the establishment, operation, and maintenance of the Veterinary Hospital.

The Director may call upon any government agency for assistance consistent with its powers, duties, and responsibilities of determining the necessary organization and staffing identification of the Veterinary Hospital to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of this Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereafter.

Sec. 4. *Appropriations.* The amount necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Veterinary Hospital shall be charged against the appropriations of the BAI. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act takes effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.