

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7307, March 27, 1992 ]**

**AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER TO  
PROPAGATE AND PROMOTE THE PHILIPPINE CARABAO AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Philippine Carabao Act of 1992".

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - The Constitution provides that the State shall develop a self-reliant and independent national economy effectively controlled by Filipinos. It also provides that the State shall support indigenous, appropriate, and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, and their application to the country's productive systems and national life. Towards this end, the State shall establish various programs to conserve, propagate and promote the Philippine carabao as a source of draft animal power, meat, milk and hide.

SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* - As used in this Act, the following terms shall mean:

- a. "Philippine Carabao Center" refers to the National Carabao Center at the University of the Philippines at Los Baños, the other carabao centers in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, and those that will be created pursuant to this Act;
- b. "Draft animal power" refers to power provided by the carabao as a farm animal;
- c. "Smallholder farmer" refers to a farmer owning or cultivating five (5) hectares or less of farmland;
- d. "Semi-Commercial Production" refers to the raising of twenty (20) to forty-nine (49) carabaos.

SEC. 4. *Creation of the Philippine Carabao Center.* - There is hereby created a Philippine Carabao Center, hereinafter referred to as the PCC which shall be under the supervision and control of the Department of Agriculture.

SEC. 5. *Powers and Functions of the PCC.* - The PCC shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Conserve, propagate and promote the Philippine carabao as a source of draft animal power, meat, milk and hide;
- b. Enable the farmers, particularly smallholder farmers and CARP beneficiaries to avail themselves of good quality carabao stocks at all times and at reasonable prices through an organized program of production, breeding, training and dispersal;
- c. Undertake training programs for farmers, particularly smallholder farmers and CARP beneficiaries, designed to transfer technology on the proper care and

- reproduction of the carabao and the processing of its meat and milk;
- d. Encourage backyard dairy development in rural areas by raising carabaos so as to meet the nutritional needs of the smallholder farmers and their families and reduce dependence on imported milk by-products;
- e. Undertake research activities in all disciplines that lead to the improvements of the over-all productivity of the Philippine carabao;
- f. Increase the existing annual population growth of the Philippine carabao to keep pace with human population growth; and
- g. Enter into memoranda of agreement and receive donations through the Department of Agriculture from local and foreign sources. Upon the recommendation of the PCC Advisory Board, the individual carabao centers may enter into agreements directly with funding agencies through their respective board regents or head of agency.

SEC. 6. *Priorities.* - The PCC shall give priority to the following activities:

- a. Increase in carabao population and productivity;
- b. Development of feeding systems for backyard and semi-commercial production, improving reproductive efficiency, physiology and schemes to reduce losses caused by parasites and diseases;
- c. Reproduction, breeding, nutrition and animal health;
- d. Socioeconomic researches to ensure economic viability and acceptance of technology by farmers; and
- e. Development of appropriate technologies that are cost-effective, simple and practical.

At least thirty (30) to fifty (50) percent of the carabaos maintained/propagated by each carabao center shall be of the pure native/indigenous stock to ensure the preservation of the Philippine carabao and provide option to the farmers.

SEC. 7. *PCC Advisory Board.* - The PCC Advisory Board shall be composed of the following:

- a. Secretary of the Department of Agriculture or his representative, as Chairman;
- b. Undersecretary for Regional Operations, Department of Agriculture, as Vice Chairman;
- c. Executive Director, Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources, Research and Development (PCARRD);
- d. Chancellor of the University of the Philippines in Los Baños (UPLB) and presidents of Central Luzon State University (CLSU), Central Mindanao University (CMU), Cagayan State University (CSU), Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU) in La Union, Visayas State College of Agriculture (VISCA), West Visayas State University in Iloilo, University of Southern Mindanao (USM), and the president of the state college or university where a carabao center may be established pursuant to this Act;
- e. Director of the Bureau of Animal Industry;
- f. Executive Director of PCC; and
- g. Farmers' representative to be appointed by the Board.

SEC. 8. *Functions of the PCC Advisory Board.* - The PCC Advisory Board shall perform the following functions: