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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY TO IDENTIFY THE DISEASES AFFECTING LOCAL HOGS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 10, Article XIV of the Constitution provides that science and technology are essential for national development and progress. State shall give priority to research and development, invention, innovation and their utilization.

Service production in the Philippines is a P 191-Billion industry and the largest among the livestock and poultry industries of the country. The Service industry is still being set by important problem that needs government intervention and support. One major problem is disease, which accounts for about 20% loss in the value of service production. However, a 5% increase in production cost can be contributed to express on drugs to ensure survival rate and productivity of pigs.

This bill seeks for the establishment of a diagnostics laboratory to diagnose disease, and to initiate the development and implementation of an efficient and effectiveness disease monitoring and surveillance system that is armed with functional and reliable diagnostic laboratories. Further, the establishment of a diagnostic laboratory is essential to ensure a nutritious and disease-free source of animal food products for consumers.

Hence, this proposal is submitted for consideration.

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

Section 1. Declaration of Policy. — It is the declared policy of the state to develop and
support the livestock industry in the country. It is concerned in protecting the industry from diseases
that adversely affect it. The early detection of the diseases that affect the local hog industry is
critical to control the diseases to prevent death of the hogs and to limit the economic losses of the
country. Further, the establishment of a diagnostic laboratory is essential to ensure a nutritious and
disease-free source of animal food products for consumers.

Section 2. Establishment of a Diagnostic Laboratory for Local Hogs. The Department of
Agriculture shall establish a state of the art Diagnostic Laboratory to prevent Diseases for Local
Hogs. The laboratory shall study and identify the disease strains that hit local hogs and shall
recommend vaccines that shall counter such strains.

Section 3. Appropriations. The necessary budget to establish the diagnostic laboratory
shall be included in the budget of the Department of Agriculture.

Section 4. Rules and Regulations. — The Department of Agriculture shall promulgate the
rules and regulations for the effective enforcement of the provisions of this Act.

Section 5. Separability Clause. - Should any provision of this Act or any part thereof be
declared invalid, the other provisions, so far as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall
remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. - All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts
thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.