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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the regular session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on March 25, 2013 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial ordinance was approved:

Authored by SP Member Raul P. Sison

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 170-2013

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE OR SLAUGHTER OF FEMALE CARABAOS (RIVERINE BUFFALOES AND CROSSBREDS) WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN THEREBY ESTABLISHING A BUY BACK SCHEME FOR FEMALE BREEDABLE CARABAO AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Pangasinan, through its Provincial Veterinary Office and Philippine Carabao Center, DMMMSU, La Union, spearheaded the upgrading of carabaos in the Province and is supportive of the carabao-based dairy enterprises being implemented by smallholder dairy carabao owners and their cooperatives/associations;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to regulate selling and slaughter of riverine, buffalo and crossbred to ensure continuous carabao herd build up as production base for carabao-based enterprises development in Pangasinan by way of providing means to retain and maintain quality breeders within the province;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Raul P. Sison, duly seconded -

BE IT ENACTED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled that:

SECTION 1. Title. – This Ordinance shall be known as “**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE OR SLAUGHTER OF FEMALE CARABAOS (RIVERINE BUFFALOES AND CROSSBREDS) WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN THEREBY ESTABLISHING A BUY BACK SCHEME FOR FEMALE BREEDABLE CARABAO AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.**”



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SECTION 2. Definition of Terms. – For the use of this ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a. Owner – refers to a person who claims and has proof of ownership of the carabaos/riverine buffaloes/crossbreds.
- b. Buyer/Middleman/Agent – refers to the person who buys or intends to buy the female/male carabao/riverine buffaloes/crossbred).
- c. Native Carabao – refers to the Philippine carabao.
- d. Riverine Buffaloes – refer to the purebred Murrah buffaloes considered for dairy purposes by the Philippine Carabao Center (PCC).
- e. Crossbred – refers to the offspring of Philippine carabao and Riverine Buffaloes resulting from artificial insemination services or by purebred Murrah bulls.
- f. Herd – refers to group of animals (or the entire population of carabaos/riverine buffaloes/crossbreds) in the province.
- g. Heifer – refers to female carabao/riverine buffalo/crossbred that has not given birth (1.5 to 3 years old).
- h. Herd build up – refers to increase in population or carabaos/riverine buffaloes/crossbreds in Pangasinan.
- i. Dam or cow – refers to female carabao/ riverine buffalo/crossbred that has given birth.
- j. Bull – refers to not castrated male carabao/ riverine buffalo/crossbred.
- k. Calf – refers to male or female offspring.
- l. Buffaloes – collective term for Murrah (Indian, Brazilian, Bulgarian) buffaloes either imported or island born.
- m. Buy back scheme – refers to the purchasing of female crossbred/island born buffaloes product of artificial insemination (PVO-PCC) and product of loan out purebred bull by the Philippine Carabao Center.
- n. PAIWI System – refers to an agreement set by the Committee in the procedure of loaning out female carabao from the buy back scheme of the province.
- o. Committee – refers to the Body who is in charge in implementing the ordinance/policies.

SECTION 3. Committee. – A committee is hereby created to establish policies to ensure continuous carabao herd build up. The following are members of the committee:

- a. Provincial Treasurer Office
- b. Provincial Veterinary Office
- c. Provincial Planning and Development Officer



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- d. Provincial Budget Officer
- e. Philippine Carabao Center, DMMMSU
- f. Two (2) farmer leader representatives from existing active dairy carabao association/cooperative.

The Provincial Veterinary Office representative shall act as the Secretariat and technical working group.

SECTION 4. Functions of the Committee. –

- a. To ensure that the provisions of this ordinance are fully observed and strictly implemented;
- b. To receive and review reports from concerned implementers particularly on the following:
 - b.1. Allocation, utilization and management of Carabao Herd Build Up Trust Fund.
 - b.2. Number and status of breedable carabaos/ riverine buffaloes/crossbreds rescued or saved through this ordinance;
- c. To assess and furnish semestral report to proper officials or agencies concerning the effect or impact of this regulation on the development and promotion of carabao-based enterprises in the municipality;
- d. To spearhead the establishment and maintenance of provincial/municipal animal registry for carabaos/ riverine buffaloes/crossbreds for carabao-based enterprises development;
- e. To facilitate the preparation and implementation of a provincewide carabao-based enterprises development program; *and*
- f. To generate appropriate assistance package to carabao-based enterprises in the province.

SECTION 5. Carabao-Based Enterprises. – The Province of Pangasinan has started the carabao-based enterprise development with seven (7) existing Carabao Dairy Producers, namely: Bantog Samahang Nayon, Bantog Asingan, Pares-Pares San Nicolas, Tulong Multi-Purpose Cooperative (Laoac-Tulong Urdaneta City), Hundred Island Carabao Raisers Association, Anda Carabao Raisers Association, Samahan ng Maralitan Magsasaka ng Tumber-Lingayen, and Federation of Free Farmers, Bugallon, Pangasinan. These farmers associations/cooperatives are trying to mobilize/organize existing crossbred owners in Pangasinan with the assistance of the Philippine Carabao Center.



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SECTION 6. Regulated Act. –

- a. It shall be unlawful to sell or slaughter a female carabao without obtaining a clearance from the City/Municipal Agriculture Office.
- b. Any person who owns a female carabao and intends to sell it shall first obtain clearance from the City/Municipal Agriculture Office through the filling up of the prescribed form agreed by the Committee.

The prescribed form shall contain the following: age, no. of calving, breed, reason for selling and selling price.

- c. The City/Municipal Agriculturist shall determine if the animal is still breedable. If so, it shall offer a buy back scheme.
- d. Within two (2) days, the City/Municipal Agriculture Office shall advise the prospective seller about the buy back scheme of the province. The prospective seller may or may not accept to sell his carabao under the buy back scheme.

If the seller prefers to sell his carabao to another party, the seller shall be requested to identify the buyer and inform the City/Municipal Agriculture Officer the name and address of the buyer once consummated.

SECTION 7. Carabao Build Up Trust Fund. – There is hereby created a Provincial Carabao Herd Build Up Trust Fund with an initial allocation of One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) and an annual allocation of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) for succeeding years shall be incorporated in the budget of the Provincial Veterinary Office.

SECTION 8. Buy Back Scheme. – There is hereby created a scheme to buy back female breedable carabao from farmers within the Province of Pangasinan.

It is solely intended for the purpose of buying carabaos offered by prospective sellers. Female carabaos purchased under the buy back scheme shall be loaned out to qualified members of dairy association/cooperative who passed the criteria set by the committee following the agreed condition of the “PAIWI SYSTEM”.



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The “PAIWI SYSTEM” shall consist of the following:

- a. First born calf (1 year old) female will go to the Provincial Government thru the Veterinary Office and loan out to another qualified recipient.
- b. Second calf male-female owned by the recipient.
- c. Succeeding calf sharing is 50-50.
- d. Original stock goes to the Provincial Government and sell it and as seed capital for another stock.
- e. Milk produced owned by the recipient.

SECTION 9. Disposition and Awarding of Acquired Female Carabao. – Female carabao purchased under the buy back scheme shall be loaned out to qualified member of dairy carabao association duly evaluated and passed all the needed requirements set by the committee such as:

- a. Carabao shade
- b. Forage area (1,000 square meters per animal)
- c. Undergone technical training and social preparation

SECTION 10. Purposes of the Fund. –

- a. It shall be solely intended for buying carabao offered by prospective seller.
- b. Female carabao purchased under the buy back scheme shall be loaned out to qualified member of dairy carabao association/cooperative following the agreed “PAIWI SYSTEM”.

SECTION 11. Management of the Trust Fund. – The Management Team for the Trust Fund is composed of the following:

Provincial Treasurer	- Chairman
Provincial Veterinary Office	-Co-Chairman
Provincial Planning and Development	- Member
Provincial Budget Officer	- Member
Philippine Carabao Center – DMMMSU Rosario, La Union	- Member
Two (2) farmer leader from active carabao dairy association/cooperative	-Member

The management team shall meet quarterly or as often as the need arises. The committee shall not receive any compensation.



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SECTION 12. Monitoring of the Ordinance. – The Provincial Veterinary Office and the local government unit thru the City/Municipal Agriculture Office and barangay official shall monitor the strict implementation of this ordinance, consolidate and prepare quarterly reports on the progress of its implementation for legislative reference of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan's Committee on Agriculture.

SECTION 13. Information and Dissemination Campaign. – Upon approval of this ordinance, the Provincial Government thru the Provincial Veterinary Office, with the assistance of the Philippine Carabao Center shall spearhead the conduct of massive information dissemination using media (print, radio, TV and internet) to ensure proper and adequate communication of the contents and benefits of this Ordinance to the general public especially to its intended beneficiaries.

SECTION 14. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within 60 days from approval of this Ordinance, the necessary rules and regulations shall be issued by the Provincial Government for the proper and effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 15. Penalties. – Any individual or person found to have violated this ordinance shall be penalized, as follows:

First Offense –reprimand from City/Municipal Agriculture Office- Philippine Carabao Center- Provincial Veterinary Office, thus one hour orientation regarding Carabao Development Plan of Pangasinan, and reminding the approved House Bill on carabao.

Second Offense – revocation/cancellation of license to transport livestock.

SECTION 16. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any part of this ordinance is declared as unconstitutional or unlawful, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or sections hereof and shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 17. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All previous ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.



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SECTION 18. EFFECTIVITY. - This Ordinance shall take effect after the posting and publication as required by law have been complied with.


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Secretary to the Sanggunian

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