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YU AND VILLAFUERTE, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1204

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AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SLAUGHTER OF CARABAOS AT  
CERTAIN AGES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 8485, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE ANIMAL  
WELFARE ACT OF 1998"

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

1. SECTION 1. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 8485, otherwise known as  
2 "The Animal Welfare Act of 1998", is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "SEC. 6. It shall be unlawful for any person to torture  
4 any animal, to neglect to provide adequate care, sustenance or  
5 shelter, or maltreat any animal or to subject any dog or horse to  
6 dogfights or horsefights, kill or cause or procure to be tortured  
7 or deprived of adequate care, sustenance or shelter, or maltreat  
8 or use the same in research or experiments not expressly  
9 authorized by the Committee on Animal Welfare.

1           **“THE SLAUGHTER OF CARABAOS AND BUFFALO IS**  
2           **PROHIBITED EXCEPT UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

3           **“(A) ONLY CARABAOS AND BUFFALO THAT ARE**  
4           **SEVEN (7) YEARS OLD OR OVER, IF MALE, AND ELEVEN (11)**  
5           **YEARS OLD OR OVER, IF FEMALE, MAY BE SLAUGHTERED**  
6           **UPON ISSUANCE OF THE NECESSARY SLAUGHTER PERMIT BY**  
7           **THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED; AND**

8           **“(B) NO SLAUGHTER PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED**  
9           **WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE BY THE PROVINCIAL OR CITY**  
10           **VETERINARIAN CONCERNED, OR THEIR AUTHORIZED**  
11           **REPRESENTATIVE, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CARABAO OR**  
12           **BUFFALO TO BE SLAUGHTERED IS OF THE REQUIRED AGE AND**  
13           **FREE FROM ANY DISEASE.**

14           **“The killing of CARABAOS AND BUFFALO AS PROVIDED**  
15           **HEREIN OR any animal other than [cattle,] COWS, pigs, goats,**  
16           **sheep, poultry, rabbits, [carabaos,] horses, deer and crocodiles**  
17           **is likewise hereby declared unlawful except in the following**  
18           **instances:**

19           **“(1) WHEN THE CARABAOS OR BUFFALO ARE RAISED**  
20           **IN COMMERCIAL QUANTITY, NOT AS WORK ANIMALS, BUT**  
21           **FOR MEAT OR PROCESSING;**

22           **“[(1)](2) When it is done as part of the religious rituals**  
23           **of an established religion or sect or a ritual required by tribal or**  
24           **ethnic custom of indigenous cultural communities; however,**  
25           **leaders shall keep records in cooperation with the Committee on**  
26           **Animal Welfare;**

1           “[2](3) When the [pet] animal is afflicted with an  
2 incurable communicable disease as determined and certified by  
3 a duly licensed veterinarian;

4           “[3](4) When the killing is deemed necessary to put  
5 an end to the misery suffered by the animal as determined and  
6 certified by a duly licensed veterinarian;

7           “[4](5) When it is done to prevent an imminent  
8 danger to the life or limb of a human being; [and]

9           “[(5) When done for the purpose of animal  
10 population control;]

11           “(6) When the animal is killed after it has been used  
12 in authorized research or experiments; and

13           “(7) Any other ground analogous to the foregoing as  
14 determined and certified by a licensed veterinarian.

15           “In all the above mentioned cases, including those of  
16 [cattle,] COWS, pigs, goats, sheep, poultry, rabbits, carabaos,  
17 BUFFALO, horses, deer and crocodiles, the killing of the animals  
18 shall be done through humane procedures at all times.

19           “For this purpose, humane procedures shall mean the  
20 use of the most scientific methods available as may be  
21 determined and approved by the Committee ON ANIMAL  
22 WELFARE.

23           “Only those procedures approved by the Committee  
24 shall be used in the killing of animals.”

1           SEC. 2. All existing laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations or parts  
2 thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or  
3 modified accordingly.

4           SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
5 in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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