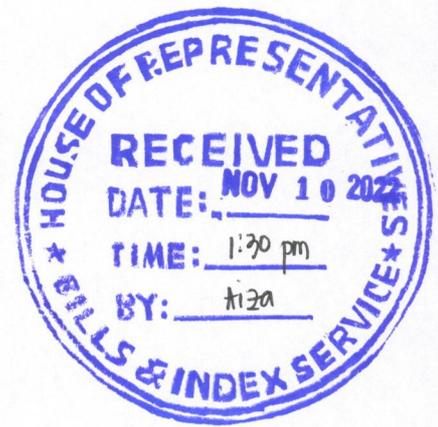


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**AN ACT TO INTEGRATE, COORDINATE, AND INTENSIFY SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN AGRICULTURE**

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. This shall be known as the "Agriculture Research and Development Act of 2022."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policies. The State recognizes that the agriculture sector provides food and vital raw materials for the rest of the economy;

The State also recognizes that rising productivity and efficiency in the agricultural sector are critical in maintaining the affordability of food and purchasing power, especially among the poor;

It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote, propagate, develop further and implement a scientific and technological research and development program for the agricultural sector.

SECTION 3. Bureau of Agricultural Research. In the implementation of the foregoing policy, the Government shall, through the existing Bureau of Agricultural Research:

- (1) Stimulate and guide scientific, engineering and technological efforts towards filling the basic and immediate agricultural needs of the people;
- (2) Survey the scientific, engineering and technological resources of the country and formulate a comprehensive program for the development and maximum utilization of such resources in the solution of the country's problems in agriculture;
- (3) Strengthen the educational system of the country so that the same will provide a steady source of competent scientific and technological manpower for the agricultural sector;
- (4) Furnish incentives to private and individual initiative in scientific work in agriculture;
- (5) Promote and encourage the dissemination of the results of scientific and technological research in agriculture and the general application thereof;

- (6) Encourage and facilitate the active participation of domestic and foreign sectors in furnishing financial, technical and other forms of assistance for scientific and technological activities that promote the agriculture sector;
- (7) Promote coordination and cooperation in research in order to secure concentration of effort, minimize duplication and thereby achieve maximum progress in the agriculture sector;
- (8) Initiate and bring about the establishment of standards, quality control measures and documentation facilities; and
- (9) Encourage studies in the agriculture-intensive courses.

SECTION 4. Travel and Study Grants. The Board shall extend travel and study grants for agricultural purposes: to send delegates and/or observers to agricultural scientific and technological conferences or conventions, and to promote and assist agricultural scientific and technological conferences and conventions in the Philippines.

SECTION 5. Funding. The amount of FIFTY MILLION PESOS (P50,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the initial year of this Act. Every year thereafter, a minimum amount of THIRTY MILLION PESOS (P30,000,000.00) shall be included in the budget of the Department for the implementation and continued expansion of this program.

SECTION 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The Secretary shall adopt rules and regulation to implement the provisions of this Act within ninety (90) days from the date of effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, and administrative regulations or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

