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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. _____



Introduced by MAGSASAKA Party-List Representative ARGEL JOSEPH T. CABATBAT

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER PROLIFERATION IN THE
COUNTRY**

WHEREAS, according to the latest data of Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) that the 260- billion worth hog industry is composed of 12.70 million swine;

WHEREAS, African Swine Fever (ASF) is a highly contagious viral disease that affects pigs, warthogs, and boars and now poses a serious threat in the local swine industry as there is a 100% fatality rate on affected animals;

WHEREAS, according to United Nations - Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), outbreaks of African Swine Fever has already been reported to Asian countries including China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Mongolia, North Korea, Laos, and Myanmar;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) have confirmed the first African Swine Fever outbreak in Bulacan and Rizal last September 9, 2019 after 14 out of 20 blood samples tested in United Kingdom was confirmed to be positive with ASF virus;

WHEREAS, DA Secretary William Dar stated that in order to prevent the spread of disease, 7,416 hogs have been culled within the 1-km radius of the affected areas as of September 9, 2019;

WHEREAS, the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) assured that ASF is not considered as a human health threat. However, humans can become carriers of the virus and the virus can also survive even if the meat has been processed or canned;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the government to take all necessary actions to protect the livelihood of our hog raisers and the hog industry as a whole,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Committee on Agriculture and Food of the House of Representatives conducts an immediate investigation, in aid of legislation, on ASF proliferation in the country and the current safeguard measures on importation of pork meat and products from ASF-infected countries.

Adopted,


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