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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 107th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON OCTOBER 15, 2024.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-39-03

Series of 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REPROGRAMMING OF THIRTY NINE MILLION PESOS (P39,000,000.00) FROM THE 'PROVISION OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES AND IMPROVEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES' UNDER THE TOBACCO EXCISE TAX SHARES OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA (FISCAL YEARS 2018 AND 2019 COLLECTIONS) TO THE 'PROCUREMENT OF LARGE CATTLE IN SUPPORT TO TOBACCO FARMERS, COOPERATIVES AND ASSOCIATIONS SHIFTING FROM TOBACCO FARMING TO LIVESTOCK RAISING'

Sponsor: HON, EDWARD S. ISIDRO

Chairperson, Committee on Finance and Appropriations

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed ordinance seeks to approve the reprogramming of Thirty Nine Million Pesos (P39,000,000.00) from funds previously allocated through Sangguniang Panlalawigan Ordinance No. 2022-31-01, which authorized the utilization of the Tobacco Excise Tax Shares of the Provincial Government of Isabela from the 2018 and 2019 collections. A portion of these funds, amounting to Seventy Million Pesos (P70,000,000.00), was initially designated for the Provision of Agricultural Services and Improvement of Agricultural Facilities.

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In response to the need to further assist tobacco farmers in transitioning to more sustainable and health-conscious livelihoods, the Provincial Government of Isabela recognizes the necessity of reallocating a portion of these funds. The reprogramming will redirect Thirty-Nine Million Pesos (P39,000,000.00) towards the Procurement of Large Cattle, which will support tobacco farmers, cooperatives, and associations shifting from tobacco farming to livestock raising. This strategic reallocation aligns with the Provincial Government's broader effort to diversify its agricultural base and promote healthier, more sustainable livelihoods for its farmers.

The reprogramming of funds is part of a larger initiative to modernize Isabela's agricultural sector and to enhance economic stability for its tobacco farmers. Under the leadership of **Governor Rodolfo T**. **Albano III** and **Vice Governor Faustino G**. **Dy III**, the Provincial Government has encouraged farmers to shift from tobacco farming to alternative industries. Livestock raising has been identified as a viable economic alternative, offering new income opportunities and contributing to more sustainable development goals.

The Provincial Development Council (PDC) of Isabela, recognizing the significance of this transition, passed PDC Resolution No. 05, Series of 2024, approving a Supplemental Annual Investment Plan for the Provincial Government of Isabela for Fiscal Year 2024. This plan reflects the reprogramming of a portion of the Tobacco Excise Tax Shares for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020, reallocating the funds for the Procurement of Large Cattle in Support of Tobacco Farmers, Cooperatives, and Associations. The reallocation is intended to facilitate the farmers' shift to livestock raising, thereby contributing to the economic resilience of the province's agricultural sector.

This reallocation of funds is aligned with Isabela's overall strategy of promoting inclusive growth and fostering a more resilient agricultural sector, capable of thriving in a changing economic environment. By providing tobacco farmers, cooperatives, and associations with the necessary resources, the Provincial Government enables them to transition more effectively into new industries that offer long-term economic security.

The reprogramming of these funds underscores the Provincial Government's commitment to **inclusive rural development**, fostering a shift from tobacco farming to more sustainable, health-promoting activities. This ordinance supports the Provincial Government's economic goals while aligning with the national government's health initiatives aimed at reducing tobacco use and its associated health risks.

In conclusion, the passage of this ordinance will ensure that tobacco farmers in Isabela continue to receive the necessary tools and support for a sustainable transition to livestock raising. The immediate approval of this ordinance is thus earnestly sought.

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SECTION 1. Coverage. This Ordinance shall **cover the accounts stated in Section 2** hereof.

SECTION 2. Reprogramming of Amounts. That the amount FROM -

PROGRAMS PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
Provision of Agricultural Services and Improvement of Agricultural Facilities	Tobacco Excise Tax (PGI Share FY 2018 and 2019)	39,000,000.00
Total		39,000,000.00

IS HEREBY REPROGRAMMED TO:

PROGRAMS PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
1. Procurement of Large Cattle In Support to Tobacco Farmers, Cooperatives and Associations Shifting From Tobacco Farming to Livestock Raising	Tobacco Excise Tax (PGI Share FY 2018 and 2019)	P 39,000,000.00
Total		P 39,000,000.00

Section 3. Utilization of Funds. The disbursement and utilization of funds to be made pursuant to this Ordinance shall adhere to existing government budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.

Section 4. Authority to Reprogram. To ensure that the resources and development plans of the Provincial Government of Isabela are responsive to the current development issues and that its programs, plans, and activities are effectively implemented, the Governor is hereby empowered to augment or reprogram any savings that may be derived from the herein reprogrammed funds to any item within the same appropriation.

Section 5. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Isabela during its 107th Regular Session on October 15, 2024.

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Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

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