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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila**

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House Bill No. 2009



Introduced by Honorable Catalino V. Figueroa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish the Samar Upland Farming Program in the Province of Samar.

Eighty percent (80%) of the farmers in Samar are engaged in upland farming. Adhering to the traditional method of farming, farm production is only marginal. Their income, therefore, from the farms can hardly support the basic needs of their families.

This program aims to remedy this situation. Under the said program, upland farmers in Samar will be provided with aid in the form of farm facilities and implements including seeds and seedlings as well as technical assistance on soil and water conservation. They will also be provided with information on the new methods of upland farming. They will, likewise, be assisted in undertaking other livelihood projects to augment their income.

The enhancement of farm production and the provision of more income to the upland farmers of Samar are the important benefits that will be derived from the proposed program.

In view thereof, the approval of this bill is highly recommended.


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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE SAMAR UPLAND FARMING PROGRAM IN THE
PROVINCE OF SAMAR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEROF.**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture, the Samar Upland Farming Program in the Province of Samar.

SECTION 2. The Program shall have the following objectives:

- a) Provide the upland farmers with farm facilities and implements including seeds and seedlings;
- b) Provide technical assistance on soil and water conservation;
- c) Undertake an effective system of information dissemination on the new methods of upland farming; and
- d) Assist upland farmers in undertaking other livelihood projects that will provide additional income.

SECTION 3. The Department of Agriculture shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Agriculture under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be

necessary for the operation and maintenance of the program shall be included in the annual budget of the Province of Samar.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,