

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 2162



Introduced by Honorable Catalino V. Figueroa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the establishment of a bamboo nursery and distribution centers for the purpose of intensifying the planting of bamboo in all municipalities of the Province of Samar.

Bamboo is a woody or absorbent grass of *Bambusa*, *Arundinaria*, *Dendrocalanus* and related genera widely distributed chiefly in the tropics. It is a large woody plant with long, hollow jointed stem up to 10 meters or more in height. It is a durable tree that it is used for furniture, cooking utensils and structural framing. It can be used as a fence to determine proper boundaries of lands. Because of its sturdy nature, it can prevent soil erosion and maintain the composition of the land especially in sloping areas. Its smaller sticks are also used for walking cane and flutes. Young bamboo shoots are utilized as food and are rich in protein.

The Province of Samar is blessed by nature with a soil that is conducive to planting bamboos. The proposed bill seeks to provide for the ideal conditions for the intensified production of bamboos. The nurseries will serve as supply centers of young bamboos for backyard or farm production. Availability and affordability of young bamboos will encourage the people of Samar to plant and grow bamboos.

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



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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A BAMBOO NURSERY AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER IN
ALL MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PROVINCE OF SAMAR AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture, a bamboo nursery and distribution center in all municipalities of the Province of Samar.

SECTION 2. 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 maybe necessary for the operation and maintenance of the center shall be included in the annual budget of the municipal governments concerned.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,