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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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House Bill No. 2715

Introduced by Honorable Catalino V. Figueroa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to develop and promote sloping agricultural land technology in the Province of Samar.

The Province of Samar has a vast upland area that can be tapped for farming to generate food to feed the growing population of the province. However, because of the steep slope of these upland areas, it has remained unproductive.

A new farming system known as the "Sloping Agricultural Land Technology" or SALT will enable farmers to farm these upland areas. SALT is designed for the effective cultivation of hilly lands and upland areas. It integrates the best features of upland farming system such as multiple cropping and cover cropping. It was originally conceived and developed by the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center in Bansalan, Davao del Sur and in Bislig City, Surigao del Sur for the farmers of Mindanao. Since then, SALT has been adopted in other parts of the country.

The cultivation of the upland areas of Samar will provide more food to the province's population and more income to the farmers.

Approval of this bill is requested.


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**AN ACT
DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING
SLOPING AGRICULTURAL LAND TECHNOLOGY
IN THE PROVINCE OF SAMAR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Agriculture, hereinafter referred to as the Department, shall develop and promote the Sloping Agricultural Land Technology (SALT) in the Province of Samar. As used in this Act, Sloping Agricultural Land Technology (SALT) refers to the application of farming techniques to cultivate hilly and upland areas.

SECTION 2. The Department shall undertake research studies for more effective application of SALT farming.

SECTION 3. The Department shall render adequate materials and financial assistance to any farmer utilizing SALT in cultivating hilly and upland areas in the Province of Samar.

SECTION 4. The Department is hereby authorized to call upon any department, office, agency and other instrumentalities of government for such assistance as may be required to carry out the program provided in this Act including the loan or transfer of equipment and personnel. Employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the Department and the time so employed shall be counted as part of their official service.

SECTION 5. The Secretary of Agriculture shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. 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 needed for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual budget of the Province of Samar.

SECTION 7. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rule and regulations or issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,