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House Bill No. 3209



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

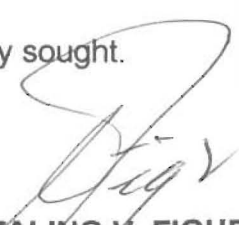
This bill seeks to establish a Fruit Tree and Vegetable Nursery in each of the sixteen (16) towns in the Second District of the Province of Samar namely: Basey, Calbiga, Catbalogan, Daram, Hinabangan, Jiabong, Marabut, Motiong, Paranas, Pinabacdao, San Jose de Buan, San Sebastian, Sta. Rita, Talalora, Villareal and Zumarraga.

Aside from being a fishing province, Samar is also an agricultural area. It is gifted with fertile soil and good climate that are conducive to crop production. Many *Samareños* are engaged in agriculture. However, vast tracts of agricultural land remain idle, most of which are found to be suited for fruit and vegetable production.

This proposed bill is an attempt to enhance production of fruits and vegetables through the collective efforts of the private sector and the technical resources of the government. The nursery that will be established in each municipality will serve as the supply center in each town of fruit and vegetable seedlings. Through these distribution centers, a program in vegetable raising and fruit tree planting intended for town residents will be launched.

It is hope that this will not only increase the income and alleviate the living conditions of the people in the province but, also, provide employment and new business opportunities for them.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A FRUIT TREE AND VEGETABLE NURSERY IN EACH OF
THE SIXTEEN (16) MUNICIPALITIES OF THE SECOND DISTRICT,
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. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture, a fruit tree and vegetable nursery and distribution center in each of the sixteen (16) municipalities of the Second District, Province of Samar namely: Basey, Calbiga, Catbalogan, Daram, Hinabangan, Jiabong, Marabut, Motiong, Paranas, Pinabacdao, San Jose de Buan, San Sebastian, Sta. Rita, Talalora, Villareal and Zumarraga.

SECTION 2. The Department of Agriculture shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. 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 fruit tree and vegetable nursery and distribution center shall be included in the annual budget of the local government concerned.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,