

Republic of the Philippines
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HOUSE BILL NO. **3245**

Introduced by HONORABLE LUIS R. VILLAFUERTE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Pili Nut is a fruit that nature has endowed primarily to the Bicol Region. Pili nut delicacies, therefore, while they may be found elsewhere outside of the region, are nevertheless, mostly traceable to the Bicol Region. The symmetrically shaped, densely foliated, evergreen tree can reach a height of 20 - 30 meters. It is storm-resistant and starts fruiting 5-6 years after seed germination. Female trees are much more productive than male trees. At present there are trials to growing time by grafting and cloning high prolific plants. A fully developed tree produces approximately 100 - 150 kg raw nuts per season (May to September), when it is twelve to fifteen years old. The tree is ideal as a shadow giving street tree, lawn or border tree. The trunks can be used for building constructions, furniture, handicraft and burning material. The resin is used for pharmaceutical products and colors. Cooked young-shoots can be processed to salads.

Because of the increasing consumption of the Pili Nut, but without any systematic program of scientific culture and propagation of the Pili Tree, the supply of Pili Nut is progressively dwindling.

The situation therefore calls for the establishment of an experimental Pili Tree plantation within the Province of Camarines Sur, to propagate suitable varieties of early fruiting and high yielding Pili Trees.

This bill proposes to authorize and direct the Camarines Sur State Agricultural College, in joint venture with the Provincial Government of Camarines Sur, to establish, manage and operate an experimental Pili Tree plantation, and to research and adopt the appropriate post-harvest processing or manufacturing technology to utilize Pili Nut harvests for various commercial uses.

Because of the merits of this bill, early passage is earnestly requested.


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HOUSE BILL NO. 3245

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AN ACT
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CAMARINES SUR STATE
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN COOPERATION WITH THE
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF CAMARINES SUR TO ESTABLISH,
MANAGE AND OPERATE AN EXPERIMENTAL PILI NUT PLANTATION
IN SUCH SUITABLE SITE THAT MAY BE SELECTED FOR THE PURPOSE

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby authorized to be established, and pursuant to this authority, the Camarines Sur State Agricultural College, in cooperation with the Provincial Government of Camarines Sur, one year from and after the effectivity of this Act, to establish, manage, and operate an experimental Pili Nut plantation, within the Province of Camarines Sur.

SECTION 2. The Pili Nut experimental plantation shall be in a location with an area of not less than five (5) hectares, either within lands granted to the Camarines Sur State Agricultural College by its charter or by lawful deed to it, or within lands that it may obtain by grant from the national government, its agencies or instrumentalities or by purchase, assignment or transfer by the Provincial Government of Camarines Sur, as may be mutually agreed upon.

SECTION 3. In implementation of this Act, the Camarines Sur State Agricultural College shall use its technical expertise or such other assistance as the Department of Agriculture and other government departments, agencies, or research grants shall provide in propagating or growing the Pili Nut Trees, through such methods or through the application of such appropriate technology or techniques as shall reasonably assure the viability of the project.

Researches, experiments or pilot testing of the proper and most efficient methods and techniques for propagating or growing the Pili Nut Trees, or the development and selection of the most high-yielding variety of seedlings, or the identification of the type of soil and climatic conditions most suited to the project, or the determination of the most cost-effective and practical care and protection of the Pili Nut plantings including the use of appropriate post-harvest processing and manufacturing facilities shall be assigned to and managed by a specific group of personnel that shall be detailed to or hired on a full time basis for the project by Camarines Sur State Agricultural College and the Provincial Government of Camarines Sur, under such Memorandum Agreement as shall be entered into between them.

SECTION 4. The financial requirements for this project shall be charged to the funds authorized under the General Appropriations Act intended for the operation of the Camarines Sur State Agricultural College and/or from its savings and/or reserves that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall authorize.

SECTION 5. The Department of Agriculture, or any of its attached agencies are likewise hereby authorized and directed, from funds available to it and/or from international grants, to extend financial support, of not less than One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00), for purposes of enabling the Camarines Sur State Agricultural College and the Provincial Government of Camarines Sur to carry out the intents and objectives of this Act.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take immediate effect upon its approval.

APPROVED,

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