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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3320



Introduced by HON. MA. AMELITA CALIMBAS-VILLAROSA

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
FARMERS' CENTER IN EVERY MUNICIPALITY IN THE PROVINCE OF
OCCIDENTAL MINDORO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be constructed, under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture in collaboration with the Department of Public Works and Highways, a farmers' center in every municipality in the Province of Occidental Mindoro. The respective local government concerned shall identify a strategic location therefor, taking into consideration easy accessibility for the farming communities intended to be served.

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 sums as may be necessary for the repairs and maintenance of the farmers' centers shall be included in the annual budget of the local government concerned.

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

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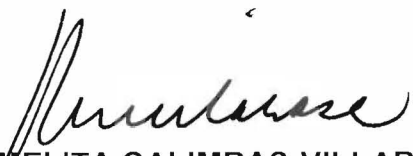
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a Farmers' Center in all municipalities in Occidental Mindoro. Being a predominantly agricultural province, farmers and farm workers had been the backbone of its economy since time immemorial. To fully develop the agricultural potential of the vast lands embraced in its territorial jurisdiction, it would be of extreme importance to provide a venue where farmers and farm workers can gather and hold conferences to discuss their collective concerns, to conduct seminars for better farm management, to invite experts in modern farming technology for demonstration and instructional purposes, and for similar activities geared towards scientific advancement of their farming and marketing techniques. Access to such infrastructure facility shall be of significant importance to existing farmers' cooperatives and associations in the province as it provides an avenue for empowerment and optimum development.

Hence, approval of this bill is sincerely sought.



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