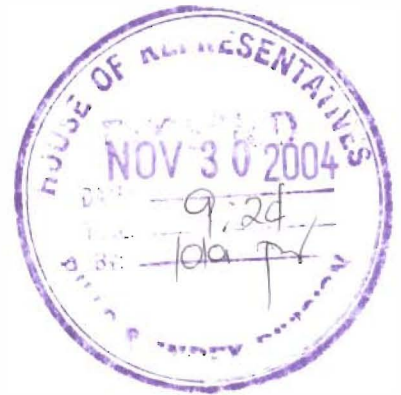


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HOUSE BILL NO. 3364



Introduced by HONORABLE LUIS R. VILLAFUERTE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to prescribe as a priority program, the scientific propagation, culture and development of indigenous raw materials to be utilized in homecrafts and other industries.

As an appropriate and timely undertaking on the part of the government, considering our present economic predicament, the growing need for indigenous raw materials such as bamboo, rattan, buri, anahaw, tambo and the like as functional and ornamental items for homecrafts and other industries has been felt and recognized. Despite the enormous demand for these items as raw materials for semi-finished or finished products both in the local and international market, it has been noted that its current supply does not meet the market demand or requirements. Presently, no planned or organized efforts from either the public or private sector has yet been undertaken to augment the dwindling supply of these indigenous materials.

Our country, blessed with favorable climatic conditions and fertile soil conducive to their growth, has vast areas in our national forest which had been denuded through misuse or lack of foresight. The establishment of pilot demonstration farms for the scientific culture, propagation and development of indigenous materials in those areas will not only be positive steps to preserve our ecosystem but will likewise generate potentially realizable increments to our economy.

Considering the relatively small investment cost compared to the projected economic benefits which can be obtained from the implementation of this program, early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
TO PRESCRIBE, AS A PRIORITY PROGRAM, THE SCIENTIFIC
PROPAGATION, CULTURE AND DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS RAW
MATERIALS FOR HOMECRAFTS AND OTHER INDUSTRIES AND FOR
OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby authorized and prescribed, as a priority program, the scientific propagation, culture and development of indigenous raw materials such as bamboo, rattan, buri, anahaw, tambo and the like for homecrafts and other industries.

SECTION 2. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall initially select and allocate not less than ten (10) hectares in appropriate sites for each of the indigenous planting materials referred to in Section One hereof as pilot demonstration farms for the implementation of the program envisioned under this Act during its first year of operation. Thereafter, depending on the viability of the said pilot farms, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall annually expand and diversify the implementation of the same.

SECTION 3. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources is hereby authorized to utilize, on an annual basis, an amount not less than fifteen (15%) per centum of whatever funds for pilot plantation of selected forest species or reforestation or other funds that are available for the implementation of the program under the General Appropriation Act component of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

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

APPROVED,