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HOUSE BILL NO. 5129

Introduced by Hon. RODOLFO W. ANTONINO

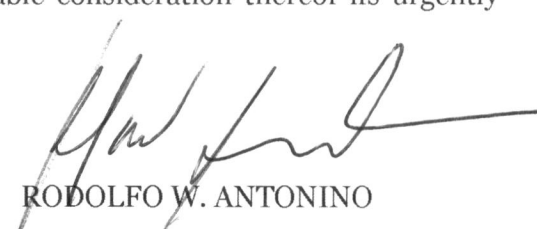
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Fourth (4th) District of the Province of Nueva Ecija is primarily an agricultural area. It has sufficient skilled workers in agricultural farming and in the manufacture of novelty items made of native raw materials such as Buri, Anahaw and Tambo. It has become the bread and butter of their small families. However, due to the lack of supply of the said raw materials, such skills are not put to use and thus the absence of available livelihood for the workers in the area. There is therefore a need to identify new sources in order to supplement the lack of these materials.

Due to the depletion of the supply of such raw materials, the rural folks are having difficulty in obtaining them. It has therefore become necessary to address the imminent shortage and encourage the commercial growing of these raw materials. Not only shall it alleviate the lives of the people in the area by providing them with other sources of livelihood but moreover protect the intergenerational interest of our children's children by protecting and promoting our national patrimony.

This bill proposes to establish a Demonstration Farm in the Fourth (4th) District in the Province of Nueva Ecija applying the scientific culture and propagation, of Buri, Anahaw and Tambo for the purpose of ensuring adequate supply of these raw materials to meet the requirements of micro-small-medium enterprises in the province and adjacent areas.

Considering the merits of this bill, favorable consideration thereof is urgently requested.


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AN ACT
TO PROMOTE THE COMMERCIAL GROWING OF BURI, ANAHAW, AND TAMBO, BY
ESTABLISHING A DEMONSTRATION FARM APPLYING THE SCIENTIFIC CULTURE
AND PROPAGATION THEREOF IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF THE FOURTH (4TH)
DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA

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

1 SECTION 1. There is hereby directed to be established in the Municipalities of
2 the Fourth (4th) District of the Province of Nueva Ecija a Demonstration Farm applying
3 the scientific culture and propagation of buri, anahaw and tambo for the purpose of
4 promoting the commercial growing of the same to supplement the livelihood
5 opportunities of the inhabitants of the fourth (4th) district of the said province.
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7 SECTION 2. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
8 thru the Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB) in cooperation with the
9 Department of Agriculture (DA), thru the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), shall identify
10 the most suitable site or sites where the Demonstration Farm shall be located within the
11 Municipalities of the Fourth (4th) District of the Province of Nueva Ecija and shall within
12 ninety (90) days from and after the approval of this Act undertake an appropriate study
13 as to the scientific viability and practical feasibility of the same. The Fiber Industry
14 Development Authority (FIDA) shall also be requested to assist in the development of
15 this farm.
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17 SECTION 3. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall
18 recommend to the Department of Budget and Management to include the necessary
19 appropriation within the Fiscal Year next following the submission of its
20 recommendations, unless the Department of Environment and Natural Resources within
21 its own appropriation within the current Fiscal Year could implement the project without
22 requesting for separate and additional funding for the same. A foreign-assisted project
23 may also be availed of to assist in the implementation of this project.
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25 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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27 Approved.