



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 5365

Introduced by Honorable Remedios "Matin" L. Petilla

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a bamboo-growing demonstration farm in the First District of Leyte for the purpose of promoting the commercial value of bamboo and expanding the livelihood opportunities of the residents in the district.

The Province of Leyte is an agricultural area that thrives on indigenous raw materials for industrial production. In recent years, there is apparent growth of small-scale industries engaged in the manufacture of gift items, toys, house wares and decorative pieces. Given the rising demand for these goods, an adequate supply of raw materials for production should be ensured. Leading the list of the most versatile raw materials is the bamboo.

Bamboo has gained increased attention as an alternative crop with multiple uses and benefits as food, as agricultural product, as ornaments, as residential materials. Thus, there is a need to establish a demonstration farm solely for the commercial growing of bamboos particularly in the First District of Leyte. The demonstration farm proposed to be established herein focuses on teaching residents how to apply the proper scientific technology

for growing bamboos at a faster rate. Likewise, the demonstration farm will also increase the environmental awareness and conservation among the people in the surrounding area.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DEMONSTRATION FARM IN THE FIRST
DISTRICT OF LEYTE TO PROMOTE THE COMMERCIAL
GROWING OF BAMBOO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR.

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

SECTION. 1. A Bamboo-Growing Demonstration Farm is hereby established in the First District of Leyte for the purpose of promoting the commercial growing of bamboo and expanding the livelihood opportunities of the residents of the province.

SEC. 2. Within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall, through the Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB), identify the most

suitable site for the demonstration farm in the First District of Leyte. The ERDB shall also extend the necessary technical assistance for the growing and harvesting of bamboo trees, and the maintenance and development of the demonstration farm.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,