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House Bill No. **873**

Introduced by REP. AUGUSTO BOBOY SYJUCO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

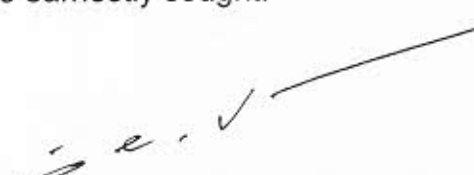
The bamboo has long been used to symbolize the resilience of the Filipinos. Folklore and stories in the barrios almost always make mention of the bamboo that abound out country.

More than the role they play in the Philippine culture, the bamboo has also long served the economic needs of the people. Bamboo is used in construction of houses and other structures and also in the manufacture of furniture. Bamboo can also be a viable export commodity like the experience of the Peoples Republic of China.

The benefit that can be derived from them is the reason why bamboo is called "green gold" for centuries.

Yet, the existing laws have not fully recognized their sacrifices and worth to our communities. They face the hazards yet receive less than the other barangay officials.

For this reason, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
REQUIRING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO SET ASIDE AREAS FOR
MANDATORY BAMBOO PLANTING AND FOR OTHE RPURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. All local government units are hereby required to set aside areas in their locality to be used for mandatory bamboo tree planting.

SEC. 2. All persons, natural or juridical, applying for any permit or license in the said local government unit shall be required to plant bamboo in the areas hereby set aside.

SEC. 3. The Department of Agriculture shall endeavor to make bamboo seedling available in all local government units.

SEC. 4. The implementing rules and regulations of this Act shall be formulated by the department of Interior and Local Government after consultation with the Leagues of Provinces, Cities and Municipalities, the Department of Agriculture (DA) and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

SEC. 5. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,