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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon city

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4887



Introduced by HON. MANUEL S. AGYAO

EXPLANATORY

This Bill seeks to establish a bamboo-growing demonstration farm in the Lone District of Kalinga for the purpose of promoting the commercial value of bamboo and expanding the livelihood opportunities of the residents in the district. This is a refiled bill from the 15th Congress.

The Province of Kalinga is an agricultural area that thrives on indigenous raw materials for industrial production. For years, the residents of Kalinga have engaged in small scale industries manufacturing bamboo furniture, gift items, musical instruments, house wares and decorative pieces. However, these same residents have little support from their local government units and sadly from the agencies concerned. Presently, there has been a significant rise in the demand for these goods, however there is no assurance of an adequate supply of raw materials for advent increase in production. It is therefore imperative to ensure adequate supply of this versatile raw material.

Bamboo has gained increased attention as an alternative crop with multiple uses and benefits as food, as agricultural product, as ornaments, and even as an alternative residential material due to its durable quality. Thus, there is a need to establish a demonstration farm solely for the commercial growing of bamboos particularly in the Lone District of Kalinga. 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 LONE DISTRICT OF
KALINGA 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 Lone District of Kalinga for the purpose of promoting the commercial growing of bamboo and expanding the livelihood opportunities of the residents of the province.

SECTION 2. Within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall, through the Ecosystem Research and Development Bureau (ERDB), identify the most suitable site for the Demonstration farm in the Lone District of Kalinga. The ERDB shall also extend the necessary technical assistance for the growing and harvesting of bamboo tress, and the maintenance and development of the demonstration farm.

SECTION 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 Appropriation Act.

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

Approved.