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Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4384



Introduced by HON. ALLEN JESSE C. MANGAOANG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish a bamboo-growing demonstration farm in the Lone District of Kalinga for the purpose of promoting the value of bamboo and expanding the livelihood opportunities of the residents in the district. It is also in line with the National Government's Program on reforestation under the National Greening Program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

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, but they have little support from their local government units and sadly from the agencies concerned. At present, there has been a significant rise in the demand for bamboo products; however there is no assurance of an adequate supply of raw materials for advent increase in production. Incidentally, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources under its National Greening Program has identified the reforestation of critical areas along the Chico River Basin System in Kalinga and Mountain Province and they are promoting bamboo as one of the crops most suitable for reforestation.

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 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 Kalinga.

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 to be located at the City of Tabuk for the purpose of promoting the commercial growing of bamboo and expanding the livelihood opportunities 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 City of Tabuk. 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.

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 sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved.