

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE )  
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**HOUSE BILL No. 10491**

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Introduced by Rep. **DEOGRACIAS VICTOR "DV" B. SAVELLANO**

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**AN ACT**  
**STRENGTHENING THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE**  
**PHILIPPINE BAMBOO INDUSTRY, PROVIDING THE MECHANISMS**  
**FOR ITS SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to strengthen the Growth and Development of the Philippines Bamboo Industry, providing the Mechanisms for its Sustainable growth and for other purposes.

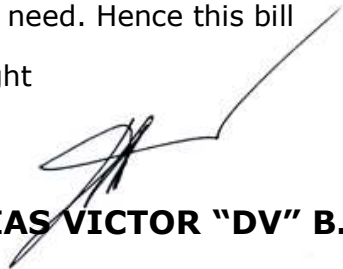
While there is broad agreement that the Philippines Bamboo Industry is a potential strong catalyst for the country's economic progress, there is no matching policy and aggressive government intervention to make this happen.

The Department of environment and natural resources (DENR) which could have the institutional resources and logistical capability, need to boost its organizational strength to make the country's bamboo industry a pillar of growth.

And while the agency continues to implement the National Greening Program and its enhanced version, identifying areas to be utilized for the purpose and contracting out cooperatives, community groups and association, it has to adopt such actions for the bamboo industry

The agency is cognizant of the resiliency and vast potential of bamboos but lacked the institutional Will to undertake what the industry need. Hence this bill

Approval of this measure is thus earnestly sought

  
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**PURPOSES**

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

**Section 1. Short Title.** – This bill shall be known as the Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Act of 2021

**Section 2. Declaration of State Policy.** - It shall be the policy of the State to identify catalysts of growth and development and endeavor to marshall logistics and resources to assist these industries. It shall deploy State institutional manpower and financial resources to enable these industries to realize its full potential as engines of growth and development

**Section 3.** The Department of environment and natural resources and the Department of Agriculture shall jointly be tasked with the formulation, conceptualization, and implementation of a Bamboo Industry Comprehensive Development Plan. The two agencies are mandated to call on other agencies of the government and enlist the support and cooperation of the private sector in attaining the goals and vision of this Act

**Section 4. Funding.** The initial amount of One hundred Million Pesos (P100M) shall be allocated for this purpose. Thereafter, such sums as may be needed

shall be included in the budget of the Department of environment and natural resources and incorporated in the annual Appropriations of the agency

**Section 5. Separability Clause.** – If for any reason, any part of provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 6. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 7. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*