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HOUSE BILL NO. 168



Introduced by Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta and Rep. Caroline L. Tanchay

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to replicate the Eco-Farming Project of the Iglesia Ni Cristo in barangay Apulid, Municipality of Paniqui, in the Province of Tarlac. The Eco-Farming of the Iglesia Ni Cristo aims to help and encourage the development of agriculture in the Philippines and to improve the lives of its citizens. It involves the use of organic fertilizers and pesticides, as opposed to artificial products that are often costly and harmful to the environment.

The Iglesia Ni Cristo has established and maintains ten eco-farms throughout the land. The newest of these is the 100-hectare site in Paracale, Camarines Norte, which INC Executive Minister Bro. Eduard V. Manalo inaugurated on November 8, 2015. On that land in Barangay Bakal now stands a self-sustainable community for Kabilug natives, complete with 300 houses, a garment factory, a fish-drying plant, a school and a chapel.

Taking a cue from the INC Eco-Farming model is both wise and practicable. With the intervention of the Department of Agriculture, barangay Apulid in Paniqui, Tarlac and its neighboring districts shall stand to benefit from a similar eco-farm.

The urgent passage of this bill is then most earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE PANQUI TARLAC ECO-FARM AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of the Paniqui Tarlac Eco-Farm.* – There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture an Eco-Farm in Apulid, Paniqui, Tarlac to be known as the Paniqui Tarlac Eco-Farm.

SEC. 2. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Agriculture shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Paniqui Tarlac Eco-Farm, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. *Implementation.* – The Secretary of Agriculture shall issue such rules and regulations within sixty (60) days from the enactment hereof as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved.