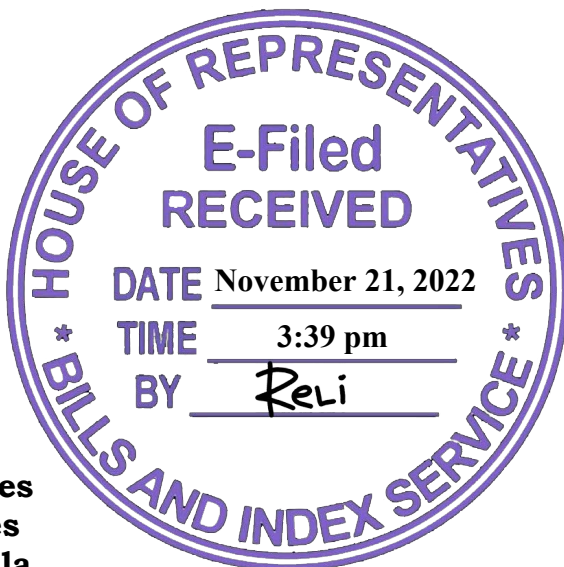




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill acknowledges the need to promote and support the pili industry, particularly in the provinces of Sorsogon and Camarines Sur. Likewise, this bill affirms the duty of the State to formulate policies and implement programs to ensure the sustainable growth of the pili industry for the benefit of the farmers and other stakeholders.

This bill creates, within a year of the approval of this Act, a Pili Research and Development Center in Sorsogon and Camarines Sur. Similarly, this bill establishes a Pili Subsidy Fund to support the pili industry financially. Finally, this bill designates the Province of Sorsogon as the Pili Capital of the Philippines.

Hence, this representation seeks the passage of this measure.


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**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PILI INDUSTRY, CREATING
FOR THE PURPOSE PILI RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTERS,
ESTABLISHING THE PILI SUBSIDY FUND, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

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

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2 **SECTION 1.** Short Title. This Act shall be known as the “Pili Industry
3 Development Act.”
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5 **SEC. 2.** Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the State
6 to promote and support the pili industry in the country, particularly in the
7 provinces of Sorsogon and Camarines Sur. Towards this end, the State shall
8 formulate policies and implement programs to ensure the sustainable growth of
9 the industry for the benefit of the farmers and other stakeholders, thus securing
10 a source of livelihood and employment for the citizenry.
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12 **SEC. 3.** Creation of Pili Research and Development Centers. Within a year
13 from the approval of this Act, there shall be created a Pili Research and
14 Development Center in Sorsogon which shall be attached to the Sorsogon State
15 College in Sorsogon City, and in Camarines Sur, which shall be attached to the
16 Central Bicol State University of Agriculture.
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SEC. 4. Functions of the Pili Research and Development Center. The Pili Research and Development Center shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Conduct researches and technical studies on the development, production, management, and marketing of pili nuts and its by-products;
- b. Provide technical assistance and support to pili farmers and other stakeholders in the Bicol Region;
- c. Acquire, develop and propagate improved plant materials;
- d. Develop appropriate technologies beneficial to the pili industry;
- e. Train faculty members and other research personnel who will undertake research and development work on pili and necessary disciplines related to pili production, utilization, and marketing;
- f. Publish and disseminate research studies, papers, articles, and other works or writings relating to pili on regular basis with the end goal of benefiting pili farmers and other stakeholders nationwide;
- g. Coordinate with the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to consolidate all policies, programs and projects on pili research and development; and
- h. Perform such other functions and duties necessary or incidental to the promotion and development of the pili industry.

SEC. 5. Pili Subsidy Fund. There is hereby established a Pili Subsidy Fund which shall be used to financially support the pili industry. The fund shall be exclusively used for the following:

- a) Pili tree planting and cultivation; and
- b) Skills training and capital development for the pili industry.

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2 **SEC. 6.** Pili Capital of the Philippines. The Province of Sorsogon shall be
3 designated as the Pili Capital of the Philippines.
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5 **SEC. 7.** Appropriations. The amount necessary for the immediate
6 implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General
7 Appropriations Act.
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9 **SEC. 8.** Implementing Rules and Guidelines. Within sixty (60) days from
10 the effectivity of this Act, the DA and DENR shall, in collaboration with DTI,
11 DOST, the Sorsogon State College, and the Central Bicol State University in
12 Agriculture, issue and promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to
13 implement the provisions of this Act.
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15 **SEC. 9.** Repealing Clause. All laws and parts thereof which are
16 inconsistent with any provisions of this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified
17 accordingly.
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19 **SEC. 10.** Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
20 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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22 Approved,