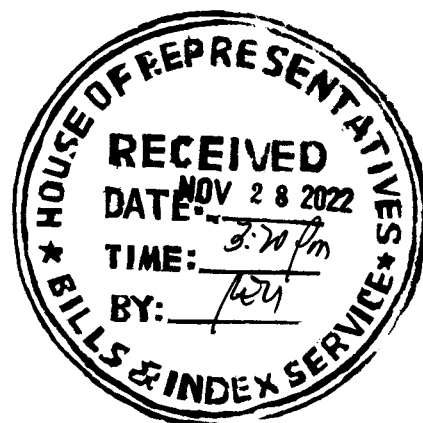




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House Bill No. 6406



INTRODUCED BY REP. JOSE "BONG" J. TEVES, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure seeks to promote and institutionalize urban farming in Metropolitan areas in order to address food sustainability and help achieve food security throughout country. Moreover, this humble proposal is in line with the goal of President Ferdinand "Bong-Bong" R. Marcos, Jr. of attaining food security in the Philippines.

During the time of the late former president Ferdinand E. Marcos, Green Revolution or the Third Agricultural Revolution was launched in the Philippines simultaneous with other countries where citizens are encouraged to practice backyard farming of nutritional agricultural products. It was a global revolution which resulted in the massive reduction of hunger and starvation. Now, it is high time that we once again engage in another "Green Revolution" of our own in order to make our country food secure under the administration of President Marcos, Jr.

Thus, Urban farming shall entail the usage of idle and unused lots of the national and local government for purpose of cultivating nutritional crops which can be consumed by our citizens. It will also allow our citizens within their respective communities to have access to agricultural products easily.

Likewise, this proposed measure seeks to integrate agricultural courses or programs into the secondary and tertiary educational levels. This will enable our youth to acquire the needed knowledge and information about agriculture and farming which they can apply in order to combat hunger.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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HON. JOSE "BONG" J. TEVES, JR.
Representative
TGP Party-List



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AN ACT
PROMOTING INTEGRATED URBAN FARMING IN THE METROPOLITAN
AREAS TO ADDRESS FOOD SECURITY CONCERNS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Integrated Urban Farming Act of 2022”.

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the state to establish the fundamental rights of every person to sufficient food. The achievement of self-sufficiency in food production is therefore adopted as primary state policy.

Moving forward, key reforms for the development of a comprehensive, cost-effective and environmentally safe agricultural methods are hereby encouraged in order to ensure food security in the country.

SEC. 3. Rules and Regulations. – For purposes of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture (DA), the Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Secretary of the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) are hereby mandated

to promote the use of urban farming in the country's metropolitan areas as an instrument to address food security concerns.

Inactive, unused, and abandoned government lots and buildings owned by either national and local governments, and other available land resources in state colleges and universities shall be considered for growing crops, raising livestock, and producing food using the said comprehensive methods.

The Department of Agriculture shall make available garden tools, seedlings, and fertilizers to citizens who shall engage in the practice of urban farming through the implementation of this Act

SEC 4. Inclusion in Agricultural Training. - Integrated urban farming that are used in agricultural production shall be included in the academic curriculum for secondary and tertiary level students of both public and private academic institutions.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason, any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,