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House Bill No. 3718



Introduced by Representative Timothy Joseph Cayton

**"AN ACT DEVELOPING THE GINGER INDUSTRY, ESTABLISHING FOR
THE PURPOSE OF THE GINGER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
CENTER AND THE GINGER SUBSIDY FUND, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREOF"**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

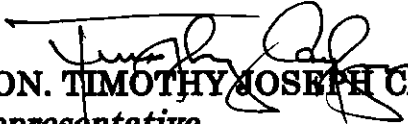
Ginger is recognized for its culinary uses and medicinal benefits. It is a high-value crop, an essential ingredient in traditional and modern cuisine, and a staple in food, beverage, and wellness industries.

The Province of Nueva Vizcaya has long been a leading producer of high-quality ginger in the country. Recently, the Department of Agriculture (DA), through Administrative Order No. 8, series of 2025, officially recognized and declared Nueva Vizcaya as the **"Ginger Capital of the Philippines."** This declaration highlights the province's consistent production volume, organized farmer cooperatives, and significant contribution to the national ginger supply.

This declaration also brings to the table the urgency for comprehensive State support to maximize the economic and agricultural potential of the ginger industry. Despite its strong production base, the industry continues to face challenges such as lack of access to modern farming technologies and post-harvest facilities, inadequate research and development, and fluctuating market prices.

This Act will not only strengthen Nueva Vizcaya's significant role as the Ginger Capital of the Philippines but also create employment, empower local industries, boost farmer incomes, and contribute to the nation's agricultural growth and food security.

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



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*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 ***“Ginger Capital
Development Act”***.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State to encourage and support researches and studies pertaining to agriculture . It is also the policy of the State to promote and support industries that generate wider employment and foster a sustainable economy of the nation. In pursuit thereof, the State shall recognize the importance of ginger as a sustainable source of livelihood and catalyst for economic boost.

It shall also be the policy of the State to foster the production of locally-manufactured goods which utilize ginger. To this end, the State shall adopt measures that will make local industries competitive.

It is likewise the policy of the State to promote and accelerate the development and growth of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya according to sound policies for economic, and social conditions of the people.

SEC. 3. *Creation of the Ginger Research and Development Center.* – Within one (1) year from the approval of the Act, there shall be a established Ginger Research and Development Center in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya which shall be attached to the Nueva Vizcaya State University.

SEC 4. *Functions of the Ginger Research and Development Center.* – The Ginger Research and Development Center shall exercise the following powers and functions:

- a) Undertake and conduct researches and technical studies on the development, production, management, and marketing of ginger products and its other by-products;
- b) Publish research studies, paper, articles, and other works or writings relating to ginger with the end goal of benefitting farmers, traders, and local stakeholders;
- c) Train faculty members and other research personnel who will undertake research studies on ginger of the area in order to document and preserve them, and to create the body of knowledge necessary in the formulation of education and training programs designed to encourage the development of local farmers capacity, and the pursuit of entrepreneurial activities that showcase locally-produced products from ginger;
- d) Formulate a Ginger Development Roadmap/Program;
- e) Formulate and develop innovations in ginger propagation, production, and development as well as provide for the transfer and improvement of appropriate technologies and techniques;
- f) Provide technical support and assistance for sustainable ginger propagation and production, and other development activities to promote and provide adequate training to farmers and individuals and other stakeholders engaged in ginger propagation, production, processing, and distribution in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya;
- g) Develop and provide marketing tools for ginger products and its other by-products, education and training programs for ginger and ginger farmers and entrepreneurs;
- h) Establish standards in grading, sampling and inspection, tests and analysis, specifications, packaging, preservation, conservation and transportation of ginger products and its by-products;
- i) Assist and coordinate with the Department of Agriculture (DA) and other concerned government agencies for the participation of ginger farmers, traders and exporters in local and international conferences, trade fairs, expositions and exhibits;

- j) Assist and coordinate with the Department of Education (DepEd) and other concerned government agencies in developing and including Ginger Development Course in the curriculum of select Senior High Schools in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya;
- k) Coordinate with the local government units as well as concerned government agencies and offices to consolidate all policies, programs and projects relating to ginger research and development; and
- l) Perform such other functions and duties necessary or incidental to the promotion and development of Ginger Industry and in the accomplishment of the goals and objective of this Act.

SEC 5. *Ginger Subsidy Fund.* – To financially support and provide capital development to ginger production, trading, skills training and other related activities there is hereby created a Ginger Subsidy Fund which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC 6. *Ginger Capital of the Philippines.* – The Department of Agriculture's Administrative Order No. 8, series of 2025, officially declared the Province of Nueva Vizcaya as the "Ginger Capital of the Philippines", a mandate to channel intensified support toward ginger production and value addition in the province.

SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the budget of concerned government agencies in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC 8. *Revolving Fund.* – Any and all savings and income of the Ginger Subsidy Fund and Ginger Research and Development Center shall constitute a revolving fund which shall not be reverted to the General Fund but shall be utilized in the furtherance of its goals and objectives.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders, letter of instruction, administrative orders, rules or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 11. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,