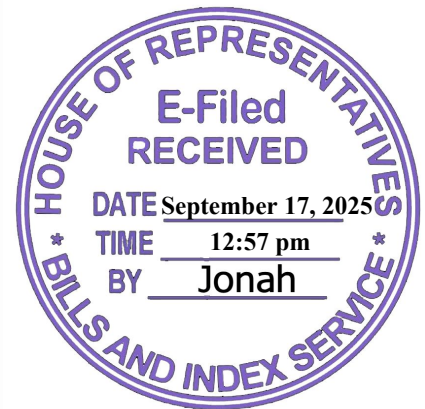


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XII, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution directs the State to promote industrialization and full employment anchored on sound agricultural development, while Article II, Section 16, which mandates the State to protect and advance a balanced and healthful ecology

Bamboo is a strategic resource that offers the Philippines economic, environmental, and social benefits. It is a sustainable material with wide applications in construction, furniture, handicrafts, and renewable energy, while also serving as a climate-resilient crop that supports reforestation and rural livelihoods.

The Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Council (PBIDC) was established under Executive Order No. 879 (2010) with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) as chair. While the DTI has [effectively] provided market support and investment promotion, the core of bamboo industry development lies in propagation, cultivation, and farm-based production, which fall within the primary mandate of the Department of Agriculture (DA). Furthermore, the council format tends to diffuse responsibility and accountability, and reorganizing it into a center will focus responsibility and accountability more clearly.

This bill seeks to transform the PBIDC into a Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Center under the DA for supervision, control, and budgetary support. Rather than being headed by chairperson, the Center shall be headed by an executive director. Aligning bamboo development with the DA and assigning it to operation of a Center ensure a farm-to-market approach that enhances productivity, generates rural employment, and promotes bamboo as a high-value agricultural commodity.

In view of the foregoing, the enactment of this piece of legislation is earnestly recommended.



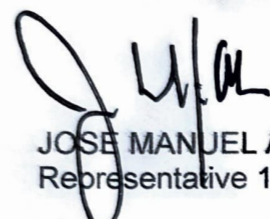
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “*Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Council Reorganization Act.*”

SECTION 2. Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Center (PBIDC) – The government shall make Philippine bamboo industry development a priority program of the government. In lieu of the Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Council created by Executive Order No. 879, series of 2010, the Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Center (PBIDC) is hereby created under the supervision, control, and budget support of the Department of Agriculture. An Executive Director shall serve as its chief operating officer reporting to the Secretary of Agriculture.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.