



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **5460**



Introduced by Representative Ma. Rene Ann Lourdes G. Matibag

**AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF SAN PEDRO, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA
AS THE SAMPAGUITA CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES, DESIGNATING
FEBRUARY 1 OF EVERY YEAR AS "NATIONAL SAMPAGUITA DAY," AND
PROVIDING PROGRAMS FOR THE CULTIVATION, PROPAGATION, AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SAMPAGUITA INDUSTRY**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The sampaguita (*Jasminum sambac*), declared as the National Flower of the Philippines through Proclamation No. 652 issued on February 1, 1934, symbolizes purity, simplicity, humility, and devotion - virtues deeply ingrained in the Filipino identity.

The City of San Pedro in the Province of Laguna has long been recognized as the cradle of the country's sampaguita industry. For generations, the sampaguita flower has been woven into the daily life and livelihood of the San Pedrenses, many of whom are engaged in sampaguita cultivation and garland-making. This long-standing tradition has become a source of pride, cultural identity, and local economic activity.

San Pedro City gained international recognition in 2009 when it set a Guinness World Record for creating the longest sampaguita garland, measuring 3.6 kilometers. The city also celebrates its annual Sampaguita Festival, a celebration of the artistry, resilience, and community spirit of its people.

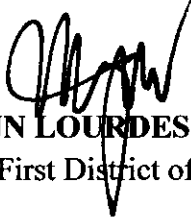
Given its historical and cultural ties to the sampaguita, it is fitting that San Pedro City be

declared the Sampaguita Capital of the Philippines. Such recognition will reinforce national appreciation for this enduring symbol of Filipino heritage and strengthen programs that support its preservation and sustainable cultivation.

To further honor the sampaguita as the country's national flower, this bill also seeks to designate February 1 of every year as "National Sampaguita Day," commemorating the date when it was officially declared the national flower. This annual observance will encourage Filipinos to recognize and celebrate the cultural and economic value of the sampaguita across the nation.

The measure likewise mandates the formulation of programs to support the cultivation, propagation, and sustainable development of the sampaguita industry, thereby promoting environmental conservation, cultural preservation, and livelihood opportunities for Filipino families who depend on this trade.

In view of the foregoing, the swift passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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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 “Sampaguita Capital and Act
of 2025.”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to preserve,
promote, and develop the sampaguita as the National Flower of the Philippines,
recognizing its historical, cultural, and economic significance, and to support
communities that sustain its heritage.

SEC. 3. Sampaguita Capital. The City of San Pedro, Province of Laguna, is hereby
declared as the Sampaguita Capital of the Philippines.

SEC. 4. National Sampaguita Day. February 1 of every year is hereby designated as
“National Sampaguita Day,” commemorating Proclamation No. 652 (1934), which
declared the sampaguita as the national flower of the Philippines.

SEC. 5. Sampaguita Industry Development. The Department of Agriculture (DA), in
coordination with the Department of Tourism (DOT), the Department of Trade and
Industry (DTI), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA),
and the City Government of San Pedro, shall formulate and implement programs to
promote cultivation, propagation, and sustainable development of the sampaguita
industry, including technical assistance, research, and livelihood support.

SEC. 6. Funding. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the concerned agencies. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DA, DOT, DTI, and TESDA, in coordination with the City Government of San Pedro, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 8. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,