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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FLORICULTURE GARDEN IN EVERY
MUNICIPALITY OF THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR,
ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – There is hereby authorized to be
2 established a floriculture garden of not less than five thousand square meters
3 (5,000 sq.m.), preferably one (1) hectare or more, in every municipality of the
4 Province of Camarines Sur.

5 The establishment of said floriculture gardens shall be provided with
6 technical assistance by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
7 (DENR), and the latter shall also arrange to provide the said floriculture
8 gardens with the initial core of planting materials of different types of
9 flowering and ornamental plants.

10 The floriculture gardens shall be located in such appropriate locations
11 with appropriate topsoil conditions and climactic characteristics as shall be
12 suitable for the growing and processing of flowering and ornamental plants,

1 including orchids. Moreover, it should also be located in an accessible area
2 where its products can be displayed and sold to the public.

3 SEC. 2. *Powers and Functions of the Floriculture Gardens.* – The
4 floriculture gardens established in every municipality as herein specified shall
5 have the following powers and functions:

6 (a) Establish experimental plantations of different flowering and
7 ornamental plants, including orchids;

8 (b) Establish a center within the garden where the plants can be
9 processed, packaged and sold, or where seeds, seedlings or cuttings could be
10 dispersed to other barangays;

11 (c) Create information programs and seminars that will educate the
12 local populace about the floriculture industry and how they can engage in the
13 flower or ornamental plants business, and

14 (d) Provide technical and other advisory services to those already
15 engaged or are interested in engaging in the floriculture industry.

16 SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The cost of acquiring the land, constructing
17 the appropriate building thereon and the complement of equipment and
18 machinery, required to start the operation of the floriculture gardens shall be
19 provided by the respective municipalities in which said floriculture gardens are
20 to be established. Acquisition of the land site for the floriculture gardens may
21 also be acquired by donation, bequeath, expropriation or through lease or
22 usufruct.

23 Thereafter, such sums as shall be necessary to operate and conduct the
24 training programs and other projects of the floriculture gardens shall be
25 incorporated in the annual General Appropriations Ordinances of the
26 respective municipalities. Other funding support to the floriculture gardens
27 may be provided from allocations of funds that may be provided by other
28 executive departments of the National Government or any of its agencies

1 and/or from such financial assistance as may be arranged by the District
2 Representatives in Congress and from Senators from their respective Priority
3 Development Assistance Funds (PDAF). Grants from local or foreign sources
4 may also be obtained or availed of.

5 SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
6 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2)
7 newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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