



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES SAVELLANO, BRAVO (M.V.) AND TY, PER
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 472

AN ACT CLASSIFYING BAMBOO AS AN UNREGULATED
FOREST PRODUCT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Bamboo
2 Deregulation Act”.

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is the policy of the State
4 to promote industries that utilize local resources for the creation
5 of employment, generation of sustainable livelihood in rural
6 communities to attain inclusive economic growth, contribute to the
7 country’s gross domestic product, help mitigate and adapt to climate
8 change and support sustainable environmental conservation and
9 rehabilitation.

10 SEC. 3. *Objective.* – It is the objective of this Act to promote
11 the development of the Philippine bamboo industry by streamlining
12 policies that constrain its growth, encourage investors to invest in
13 the establishment of plantations and processing facilities, and
14 provide sustainable livelihood to communities in rural areas.

1 SEC. 4. *Deregulation of Bamboo.* – Bamboo culms,
2 whether planted or grown naturally in forestlands or in private
3 lands, are hereby deregulated. The harvest and transport of bamboo
4 culms shall no longer require any permit from any government
5 agency: *Provided*, That a certificate of origin from the Department
6 of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall be required
7 for bamboos harvested in public lands and forestlands while a
8 certificate of ownership obtained from the barangay local
9 government shall be required for bamboos harvested in private
10 lands.

11 SEC. 5. *Naturally Growing Bamboo in Forestlands.* –
12 Concessions for the harvest of naturally growing bamboo in
13 forestlands outside of tenured areas shall be granted by the DENR
14 to qualified applicants. Tenure holders of forestlands are
15 authorized to harvest naturally growing bamboo within their
16 tenured areas: *Provided*, That bamboo harvesting is made part of
17 the tenure holder's resource-use or resource management plan.

18 SEC. 6. *Incentives for Plantation Grown Bamboo.* –
19 Bamboo plantations, in forestlands or in private lands, shall be
20 granted incentives provided under Presidential Decree No. 705,
21 revising Presidential Decree No. 389, otherwise known as the
22 "Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines", for industrial tree
23 plantations. They shall also be included in the Investments
24 Priorities Plan (IPP) of the government.

25 SEC. 7. *Payment of Forest Charges.* – Naturally grown
26 bamboo harvested from forestlands shall be assessed with the
27 corresponding fees and charges as provided in Republic Act

1 No. 7161, entitled "An Act Incorporating Certain Sections of the
2 National Internal Revenue Code of 1977, as Amended, to
3 Presidential Decree No. 705, as Amended, Otherwise Known as "The
4 Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines", and Providing
5 Amendments Thereto by Increasing the Forest Charges on Timber
6 and Other Forest Products". Plantation-grown bamboo in
7 forestlands and in private lands shall be free from forest charges.

8 SEC. 8. *Monitoring Bamboo in Forest and Private Lands.* –
9 For purposes of monitoring available bamboo resources and to
10 ensure sustainability, the DENR shall devise a system for the
11 inventory, reporting and survey of areas planted to bamboo in both
12 public forests and private lands. For this purpose, the DENR shall
13 engage the local government units as well as the private sector and
14 business organizations to ensure their participation in the
15 protection and public information campaign on bamboo.

16 SEC. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty
17 (60) days after the approval of this Act, the DENR, the Department
18 of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Finance (DOF)
19 shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

20 SEC. 10. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part
21 hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law
22 or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid.

23 SEC. 11. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders
24 and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
25 are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

1 SEC. 12. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
2 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper
3 of general circulation.

Approved,

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