



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 3361

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BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLAFUERTE

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AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CAMARINES SUR BAMBUSETUM THAT SHALL CONTRIBUTE TO THE EX SITU CONSERVATION OF PHILIPPINE BAMBOO SPECIES AND TO ASSEMBLE IN A SELECTED SITE OR SITES IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR A COLLECTION OF TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL BAMBOO TAXONS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD AND, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, TO ADAPT TO THE PHILIPPINE CLIMATE SOME TEMPERATE BAMBOO TAXONS THAT CAN SURVIVE AND BE PROPAGATED IN THE PHILIPPINES 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.* – It is hereby declared the policy of  
2 the State:

3           (a) To provide a sound basis for experimentation, pilot demonstration  
4 and eventual commercialization of bamboo species for various uses;

1           (b) To recognize that native bamboo species as a genetic resource may  
2 become endangered unless an institutional vehicle is provided for their  
3 conservation and preservation; and

4           (c) To plant on a selected site or sites a collection of tropical and  
5 subtropical bamboo species and, to the extent practicable, to adapt to the local  
6 climate suitable temperate bamboo species that can survive and be propagated  
7 in Camarines Sur.

8           *SEC. 2. Creation of Bambusetum.* – There shall be created in the  
9 Province of Camarines Sur a bambusetum which shall be under the control and  
10 supervision of the provincial government of Camarines Sur. The establishment  
11 of said bambusetum shall be provided with technical and financial assistance  
12 by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the  
13 latter shall also arrange to provide the Camarines Sur Bambusetum the initial  
14 core of planting materials of different native bamboo taxons including those  
15 that have been introduced in the Philippines and have survived, grown and  
16 flourished within the Philippine environmental setting.

17           The bambusetum shall be located in such appropriate location(s) with  
18 such topsoil conditions and climatic characteristics as shall be suitable for the  
19 cultivation of varied bamboo species. The land area where the bambusetum  
20 shall be established shall be in not less than fifteen (15) hectares that the  
21 provincial government of Camarines Sur may acquire by means of purchase or

1 donation. Alternatively, whenever the national government has public lands in  
2 the province, the DENR is hereby authorized to delineate, specify and allocate,  
3 by way of grant to the provincial government of Camarines Sur, such land  
4 areas as shall be deemed appropriate, necessary and expedient to accomplish  
5 the objectives and purposes of a bambusetum.

6 SEC. 3. *Powers and Functions of the Bambusetum.* – The Camarines  
7 Sur Bambusetum shall have the following powers and functions.

8 (a) Establish bamboo plantations of different bamboo species;

9 (b) Create information exchange programs with similar institutions  
10 locally and internationally on the different bamboo species and their respective  
11 propagation techniques;

12 (c) Study and apply the various uses not only of standing bamboo  
13 species but also the use of different products that may be derived from such  
14 bamboo species;

15 (d) Undertake research and development activities on the various  
16 processing technologies for bamboo products;

17 (e) Provide technical and other advisory services to bamboo growers,  
18 processors, manufacturers, traders and distributors of bamboo products;

19 (f) Set up its facilities in a manner that serves as a venue for  
20 educational activities as well as a source of information about the bamboo  
21 industry; and

1           (g) Organize and make its facilities available for tours and for the  
2   conduct of seminars and workshops on the various aspects of the bamboo  
3   industry.

4           SEC. 4. This Act shall take immediate effect upon its approval.

Approved,

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