



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9490

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BY REPRESENTATIVE TAN (S.A.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1007

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AN ACT

**DEVELOPING THE TIKOG INDUSTRY, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE TIKOG RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ESTABLISHING THE BANIG SUBSIDY FUND, AND DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF BASEY IN THE PROVINCE OF SAMAR AS THE “BANIG CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES”**

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

1           **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the *Tikog Industry Development Act.*

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3           **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is the policy of the State to instill nationalism among the  
4 citizenry. In pursuit thereof, the State shall promote the preferential use of locally manufactured  
5 goods which utilize local resources and generate wider employment. It shall adopt measures that  
6 will make local industries competitive.

7           It is likewise the policy of the State to promote and accelerate the development and growth  
8 of the Province of Samar according to sound policies that seek to uplift the economic, and social  
9 conditions of the people, as well as preserve local culture, heritage and traditions.

10           **SEC. 3. *Creation of the Tikog Research and Development Center.*** – Within one (1) year  
11 from the approval of this Act, there shall be established a Tikog Research and Development Center  
12 in the Province of Samar which shall be attached to the Samar State University in Catbalogan City.

13           **SEC. 4. *Functions of the Tikog Research and Development Center.*** – The Tikog Research  
14 and Development Center shall exercise the following powers and functions:

- 1 a) Undertake and conduct researches and technical studies on the development, production,  
2 management, and marketing of *tikog* and *banig* products;
- 3 b) Publish research studies, papers, articles, and other works or writings relating to *tikog* and  
4 *banig*-weaving with the end goal of benefitting farmers, weavers, traders, and other  
5 stakeholders;
- 6 c) Train faculty members and other research personnel who will undertake research studies  
7 on *tikog* and the *banig*-weaving traditions of the area in order to document and preserve  
8 them, and to create the body of knowledge necessary in the formulation of education and  
9 training programs designed to encourage the development of a creative mass of local  
10 artisans, and the pursuit of entrepreneurial activities that showcase locally-woven products;
- 11 d) Formulate a *Tikog* and *Banig*-weaving Development Roadmap;
- 12 e) Develop innovations in *tikog* propagation and *banig* production and development as well  
13 as provide for the transfer and improvement of appropriate technologies and techniques;
- 14 f) Provide technical support and assistance for sustainable *tikog* propagation and *banig*  
15 production and other development activities to promote and provide adequate training to  
16 farmers and individuals and other stakeholders engaged in *tikog* propagation, and *banig*  
17 production, processing, and distribution in the Province of Samar;
- 18 g) Develop and provide marketing and intellectual property protection, education and training  
19 programs for *tikog* farmers and *banig* product makers and entrepreneurs;
- 20 h) Establish standards in grading, sampling and inspection, tests and analysis, specifications,  
21 packaging, preservation, conservation and transportation of *tikog* and *banig* products;
- 22 i) Coordinate with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and other concerned  
23 government agencies for the participation of *tikog* farmers, *banig* weavers, traders and  
24 exporters in local and international conferences, trade fairs, expositions and exhibits;
- 25 j) Coordinate with the Department of Education (DepEd) and other concerned government  
26 agencies in developing and including a *Banig*-weaving course in the curriculum of select  
27 senior high schools in the Province of Samar;
- 28 k) Coordinate with the local government units as well as concerned government agencies and  
29 offices to consolidate all policies, programs and projects relating to *tikog* and *banig*-  
30 weaving research and development; and

1           1) Perform such other functions and duties necessary or incidental to the promotion and  
2           development of the Tikog and Banig-weaving Industry and in the accomplishment of the  
3           objectives of this Act.

4           **SEC. 5. *Banig Subsidy Fund.*** – A Banig-weaving Subsidy Fund shall be established to  
5           financially support and provide capital development to banig production, weaving, trading, skills  
6           training and other related activities.

7           **SEC. 6. *Banig Capital of the Philippines.*** – To help promote the abovementioned public  
8           policy and further develop the local banig-weaving industry, the Municipality of Basey in the  
9           Province of Samar is hereby declared as the *Banig Capital of the Philippines*.

10          **SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from effectivity of  
11          this Act, the Department of Agriculture and Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
12          shall, in collaboration with the Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Science and  
13          Technology, and Samar State University formulate and prescribe the necessary implementing rules  
14          and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

15          **SEC. 8. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the immediate implementation of this  
16          Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

17          **SEC. 9. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the  
18          remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

19          **SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders,  
20          letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of  
21          this Act are hereby repealed.

22          **SEC. 11. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
23          *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

          Approved,