



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 336

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BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLAFUERTE AND MATUGAS

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### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BIKOL BOTANICAL GARDEN IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1           SECTION 1. There is hereby established, within the territorial  
2 jurisdiction of the Province of Camarines Sur, a botanical garden to be known  
3 as the "Bikol Botanical Garden". It shall be located in a portion of Mt. Isarog  
4 Natural Park within the Municipality of Pili and occupy an area of at least  
5 twenty-five (25) hectares to be determined and delineated by the Department  
6 of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and its facilities shall be built  
7 within landscaped spaces in order to create a park-like recreational  
8 environment dedicated to botanic research, experimental planting, collection of  
9 study specimen, and the teaching and dissemination of botanic knowledge.

10           SEC. 2. The Bikol Botanical Garden shall have open-air plantings,  
11 living plant collections housed in greenhouses either for conservation, teaching  
12 or seasonal public display, and herbarium houses for specimens.

1 To the extent practicable as space and technical requirements may  
2 allow, the Bikol Botanical Garden may have an arboretum for trees and shrubs;  
3 a bamboo setum, pinetum; medicinal plants setum; flowering and ornamental  
4 plants setum; aquatic plants setum; palm setum; fernery and orchidarium.

5 The facilities shall be built within a five (5)-year period, depending  
6 upon the availability of funds provided by the provincial government of  
7 Camarines Sur, national government assistance, and donations and grants from  
8 local or foreign sources.

9 Satellite gardens may be established elsewhere in a municipality or city  
10 within the Province of Camarines Sur, either in an urban or rural setting or  
11 both, depending upon the type of soil, topography or climatic conditions  
12 required to cultivate or maintain plants intended or suitable for such satellite  
13 gardens, and depending upon such appropriate cooperative arrangements as  
14 may be agreed upon with the other local governments within the Province of  
15 Camarines Sur.

16 SEC. 3 The buildings for its officials and staff, the library, and  
17 facilities for conferences, seminars, workshops and audio-visual presentations  
18 shall be built within a three (3)-year period.

19 SEC. 4. The Bikol Botanical Garden shall endeavor to maintain a  
20 system for the classification of plants for various utilitarian purposes; adopt a  
21 program for botanical expeditions to augment its collections; undertake studies  
22 and experiments on the commercial cultivation of otherwise wild species of  
23 certain plants, arrange for exchanges with other botanical gardens or collectors  
24 of plant samples or specimens it may have or with other plants or specimens it  
25 seeks to have; cultivate medicinal plants found in the Bicol Region or  
26 elsewhere; and establish linkages with agricultural schools and other  
27 institutions interested in botanical science.

1           SEC. 5. The provincial government of Camarines Sur shall, by  
2 purchase or expropriation or by grants from the national government or  
3 through donation from other governmental or private philanthropic sources,  
4 provide or arrange to provide the lands suitable for establishing the Bikol  
5 Botanical Garden and any satellite gardens referred to in this Act.

6           The provincial government of Camarines Sur shall provide the  
7 necessary capital outlays and operating expenses required to maintain the  
8 botanical garden to be established under this Act.

9           SEC. 6. In the implementation of this Act, the DENR and other  
10 agencies of the national government shall extend technical assistance to the  
11 provincial government of Camarines Sur.

12          SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

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