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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The bamboo has been called "green gold" for centuries due to the benefits that can be derived from them.

In the Philippines, the bamboo has long served the country's economic needs. It is used in the construction of furniture, houses and other structures. It can also be a viable export commodity similar to the experience of the Peoples Republic of China.

Furthermore, the bamboo has long been used to symbolize the resilience of the Filipino people.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT REQUIRING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO SET-ASIDE AREAS FOR MANDATORY BAMBOO PLANTING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. All local government units are hereby required to set aside areas in their locality to be used for mandatory tree planting.

SECTION 2. All persons, natural or juridical, applying for any permit or license in the said local government unit shall be required to plant bamboo in the areas hereby set aside.

SECTION 3. The Department of Agriculture shall endeavor to make bamboo seedlings available in all local government units.

SECTION 4. The implementing rules and regulations of this Act shall be formulated by department of Interior and Local Government after consultation with the Leagues of Provinces, Cities and Municipalities, the Department of Agriculture and Department pf Environment and Natural Resources.

SECTION 5. This Act shall be effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,