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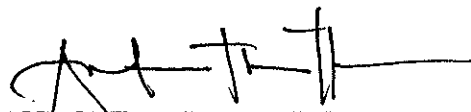
Explanatory Note

Agroforestry system, which is widely adopted worldwide, can be advantageous over conventional agricultural and forest production methods through increased productivity, economic benefits, social outcomes and the ecological goods and services provided. Following this trend, the University of the Philippines in Los Baños, with the participation of various sectors, developed the institution of a one-year Diploma in Agroforestry. Moreover, through the concerted effort of various government agencies, academic institutions and non-government organizations, promising agroforestry systems and technologies for the uplands were developed in the country.

Thus, this bill seeks to expand the coverage of prior programs and activities as regards agroforestry through the establishment and execution of agroforestry programs in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) and State Colleges and Universities (SUCs) in the provincial level. The presence of such shall provide for educational programs, supports research, and promotes collaboration among organizations concerned with sustaining forested areas and enhancing the degraded ecological areas in the provinces.

Further, this bill seeks to tap the direct involvement of students, communities and other agencies in reforesting the uplands through agroforestry in selected provinces. Through this Act, the partnership of the SUCs/HEIs with community-based organization and local government units shall harmoniously promote agroforestry as means of forest restoration and increase the availability of timber in the market. With agroforestry, farmers gain a means of livelihood and environmental services are provided.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT
MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND EXECUTION OF AGROFORESTATION
PROGRAMS IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE PROVINCES

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

ARTICLE I
TITLE AND POLICIES

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** - This Act shall be known as the "*Ten-Year Higher Education*
2 *Agroforestation Development Head Act of 2010*".

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4 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of State Policies.***-

5 1. The State in pursuance to the constitutional mandate of conserving the patrimony of the nation
6 shall enhance the agroforestation of the degraded ecological setting (the uplands, lowlands, and
7 coastal resources) by authorizing relevant State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and other
8 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in selected provinces in the Philippines to undertake a ten
9 (10) - year Agroforestation Development Program starting first at their unutilized or idle land
10 resources and expanding to adjacent communities.

11 2. The State shall likewise ensure through this Act, the Operationalization of Section (8) (5) of
12 R.A. No. 7722 (The Higher Education Act of 1994) which gives power to the Commission on
13 Higher Education (CHED) to direct or redirect purposive research and development by
14 institutions of higher learning to meet the needs of agro-industrialization and development.

1 2. Other provincial HEIs having agroforestry related activities approved to be part of this
2 program shall also receive a grant of not more than one million pesos (Php 1,000,000) and yearly
3 thereafter based on their proposed project to be treated as a revolving trust fund.

4 3. All income generated and interest earnings shall be used as follows: fifty (50) percent shall
5 accrue to the funds for the sustenance of the project and/or expansion activities and the
6 remaining fifty (50) percent of the support of the HEIs in improving its facilities/
7 equipment/operation in the delivery of quality education. The focus of which shall be determined
8 by its governing boards.

9 4. The appropriations of this fund shall be included in the General Appropriations Act for ten
10 (10) consecutive years effective fiscal year 2010 until 2020 to be taken from any development
11 funds allocated for agriculture, natural resources and environment.

12 5. Other sources of fund may be tapped by HEIs from the National Anti-Poverty Commission
13 (NAPC), Quedan Rural Credit and Guarantee Corp. (Quendancor), local and foreign donors, the
14 internal revenue allotments of LGUs involved in this program and from the partnership with the
15 private industry.

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17 **SEC. 6. HEIs Governing Boards' Approval.** - The detailed strategic and operational
18 plans and its effective implementation as well as the hiring of staff, experts and consultants shall
19 upon the recommendation of the President of HEI, be approved or decided upon by the
20 respective governing boards of the HEIs in accordance to their corporate powers as defined in
21 Section 4 of R.A. No. 8292.

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23 **SEC.7. Repealing Clause.** Any laws, decrees, ordinances or rules and regulations which
24 are inconsistent with or contrary to the provision of this Act is hereby amended or repealed.

1 **SEC. 8. *Separability Clause.*** - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
2 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected hereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

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4 **SEC. 9. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
5 publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,