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Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1297

Submitted by the Committee on Agriculture and Food and the Committee on Appropriations on **October 13, 2021**

Re: House Bill No. 10379

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 24 and 2859

Sponsors: Representatives Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga, Eric Go Yap, and Evelina G. Escudero

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Agriculture and Food and the Committee on Appropriations to which were referred **House Bill No. 24**, introduced by Rep. Evelina G. Escudero, entitled:

“AN ACT
DEVELOPING THE PILI INDUSTRY, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PILI
SUBSIDY FUND AND THE PILI RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER,
AND DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AS THE PILI CAPITAL OF
THE PHILIPPINES”; and

House Bill No. 2859, introduced by Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr. entitled:

“AN ACT
PROMOTING THE CULTIVATION, PRODUCTION, PROCESSING,
MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PILI NUT AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 10379
entitled:

“AN ACT
**PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PILI INDUSTRY,
CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE PILI RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
CENTERS, ESTABLISHING THE PILI SUBSIDY FUND, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**”

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 24 and 2859 with Representatives Evelina G. Escudero, Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr., Eric Go Yap, Ma. Bernardita B. Ramos, Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano, Jose “Jun” L. Ong, Jr., Shirlyn Bañas-Nogralas, Aleta C. Suarez, Conrado M. Estrella III, Kristine Singson-Meehan, Arnulfo “Arnie” A. Teves, Jr., Christopher V.P. de Venecia, Joseph Stephen “Caraps” S. Paduano, Florencio G. Noel, Francisco “Kiko” B. Benitez, Resurreccion M. Acop(+), Alfel M. Bascug, Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr., Alan I B. Ecleo, Jonathan Keith T. Flores, Joselito “Joel” S. Sacdalan, Noel L. Villanueva, Nestor B. Fongwan (+), Angelo Marcos Barba, Manuel F. Zubiri, Micaela S. Violago, Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III, Sharon S. Garin, Isagani S. Amatong, Arlene D. Brosas, Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales,

Jr., Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas, Jose L. Atienza, Jr., Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Rodante D. Marcoleta, Strike B. Revilla, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Tyrone D. Agabas, Stella Luz A. Quimbo, Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Elenita Milagros “Eileen” Ermita-Buhain, Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, Luis N. Campos, Jr., Junie E. Cua, Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Paul Ruiz Daza, Rudys Caesar I G. Fariñas, Vincent Franco “Duke” D. Frasco, Greg G. Gasataya, Ed Christopher S. Go, Ruwel Peter Gonzaga, Sandro L. Gonzalez, Teodorico T. Haresco, Jr., Romeo M. Jalosjos, Jr., Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Romeo S. Momo, Sr., Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon, Manuel T. Sagarbarria, Joey Sarte Salceda, David “Jay-Jay” C. Suarez, “Kuya” Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado, Alfred Vargas, Antonio “Tonypet” T. Albano, Fernando T. Cabredo, Carl Nicolas C. Cari, Sergio C. Dagooc, Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Alfred C. Delos Santos, Abdullah D. Dimaporo, Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo, Faustino “Inno” A. Dy V, Jocelyn F. Fortuno, Ramon “Mon-Mon” V. Guico III, Eduardo “Eddie” R. Gullas, Godofredo N. Guya, Ann K. Hofer, Cesar “Jawo” L. Jimenez, Jr., Glona G. Labadlabad, Maricel G. Natividad-Nagaño, Pablo C. Ortega, Joy Myra S. Tambunting, Alyssa Sheena P. Tan, John Reynald M. Tiangco, Diego “Nonoy” C. Ty, Samantha Louise Vargas Alfonso, Rosanna “Ria” V. Vergara, Michael T. Defensor, Sandra Y. Eriguel, M.D., Ferdinand R. Gaité, Mark O. Go, Virgilio S. Lacson, Florida “Rida” P. Robes, Estrellita B. Suansing, and Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations



REP. WILFRIDO MARK M. ENVERGA
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. **Short Title.** This Act shall be known as the “Pili Industry Development Act.”

SEC. 2. **Declaration of Policy.** It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote and support the pili industry in the country, particularly in the provinces of Sorsogon and

Camarines Sur. Towards this end, the State shall formulate policies and implement programs to ensure the sustainable growth of the industry for the benefit of the farmers and other stakeholders, thus securing a source of livelihood and employment for the citizenry.

SEC. 3. *Creation of Pili Research and Development Centers.* Within a year from the approval of this Act, there shall be created a Pili Research and Development Center in Sorsogon which shall be attached to the Sorsogon State College in Sorsogon City, and in Camarines Sur, which shall be attached to the Central Bicol State University of Agriculture.

SEC. 4. *Functions of the Pili Research and Development Center.* The Pili Research and Development Center shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Conduct researches and technical studies on the development, production, management, and marketing of pili nuts and its buy-products;
- b. Provide technical assistance and support to pili farmers and other stakeholders in the Bicol Region;
- c. Acquire, develop and propagate improved plant materials;
- d. Develop appropriate technologies beneficial to the pili industry;
- e. Train faculty members and other research personnel who will undertake research and development work on pili and necessary disciplines related to pili production, utilization, and marketing;
- f. Publish and disseminate research studies, papers, articles, and other works or writings relating to pili on regular basis with the end goal of benefiting pili farmers and other stakeholders nationwide;
- g. Coordinate with the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to consolidate all policies, programs and projects on pili research and development; and
- h. Perform such other functions and duties necessary or incidental to the promotion and development of the pili industry.

SEC. 5. *Pili Subsidy Fund.* There is hereby established a Pili Subsidy Fund which shall be used to financially support the pili industry. The fund shall be exclusively used for the following:

- a) Pili tree planting and cultivation; and
- b) Skills training and capital development for the pili industry.

SEC. 6. *Pili Capital of the Philippines.* The Province of Sorsogon shall be designated as the Pili Capital of the Philippines.

SEC. 7. *Appropriations.* The amount necessary for the immediate implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Guidelines.* Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DA and DENR shall, in collaboration with DTI, DOST, the Sorsogon State College, and the Central Bicol State University in Agriculture, issue and promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 9. **Repealing Clause.** All laws and parts thereof which are inconsistent with any provisions of this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. **Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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FACT SHEET

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Introduced by: REPRESENTATIVES EVELINA G. ESCUDERO AND GABRIEL H. BORDADO, JR.

Committee Referrals: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Chairpersons: REPRESENTATIVE WILFRIDO MARK M. ENVERGA
REPRESENTATIVE ERIC GO YAP

OBJECTIVE:

- To promote and support the pili industry in the country and ensure its sustainability for the benefit of the farmers and other stakeholders, thus securing a source of livelihood and employment for the citizenry.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Creates a Pili Research and Development Center in Sorsogon which shall be attached to the Sorsogon State College in Sorsogon City, and in Camarines Sur, which shall be attached to the Central Bicol State University of Agriculture.
- Establishes the Pili Subsidy Fund, which shall be exclusively used for pili tree planting cultivation, skills training and capital development for the pili industry.
- Declares the province of Sorsogon as the Pili Capital of the Philippines.
- Mandates the DA and DENR, in coordination with the DTI, DOST, Sorsogon State College, and the Central Bicol State University of Agriculture, to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.