

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 5601**



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**Introduced by Hon. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Globally, the value of exports of bamboo and bamboo products is estimated to be US\$ 12 billion. Locally, the reported value of exports of bamboo and bamboo products in 2014 was US\$ 10 million. Bamboo production and processing has provided direct and indirect employment to an estimated 190,000 people and these numbers can increase with the right support system in place for the industry.

Bamboo has always been an important construction material in the rural areas. Its versatility has found applications in many uses, from house construction, farm implements, kitchen utensils, furniture to handicrafts. Bamboo is relatively cheap given its ubiquity and ready availability in the rural areas.

With these developments and benefits to be realized, bamboo has been gaining popularity worldwide. Thus there is a need to aggressively pursue the growing of bamboo for commercial purposes by encouraging the establishment of more commercial bamboo plantations.

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

**HON. DEOGRACIAS VICTOR "DV" B. SAVELLANO**



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**AN ACT**

**EARMARKING TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) BUDGET FOR THE ENHANCED NATIONAL GREENING PROGRAM (ENGP) TO BE USED TO FUND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMERCIAL BAMBOO PLANTATIONS.**

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

SECTION 1. Commercial Bamboo Plantations shall be established in the idle lands of the military reservations and State Universities and Colleges (SUCs); and ancestral domains and those watersheds and land areas within the Laguna Lake Development Authority's (LLDA's) jurisdiction as well as other lakes which are part of the Enhanced National Greening Program (ENGP) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

SECTION 2. Twenty Percent (20%) of the DENR's budget for the ENGP are earmarked for the establishment of such commercial bamboo plantations. .

SECTION 3. This Act shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*