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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FLORICULTURE GARDEN IN EVERY  
MUNICIPALITY IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE,  
ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES

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

1           SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* — There is hereby authorized to be  
2 established a floriculture garden of not less than five thousand (5,000) square  
3 meters, preferably one (1) hectare or more, in every municipality of the  
4 Province of Southern Leyte.

5           The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall  
6 provide the said floriculture gardens with technical assistance, and the latter  
7 shall also arrange to provide the said floriculture gardens with the initial core  
8 of planting materials of different types of flowering and ornamental plants.

9           The floriculture gardens shall be located in such appropriate locations  
10 suitable for the growing and processing of flowering and ornamental plants.

1 Moreover, it should also be located in an area where its products can be  
2 displayed and sold to local buyers.

3 SEC. 2. *Powers and Functions of the Floriculture Gardens.* – The  
4 floriculture gardens established in every municipality as herein specified shall  
5 have the following powers and functions:

6 (a) Establish experimental plantations of different flowering and  
7 ornamental plants, including orchids;

8 (b) Establish a center within the garden where the plants can be  
9 processed, package and sold, or where seeds, seedlings or cutting could be  
10 dispersed to other barangays;

11 (c) Create information programs and seminars that will educate the  
12 local populace about the floriculture industry and how they can engage in the  
13 flower or ornamental plants business; and

14 (d) Provide technical and other advisory services to those already  
15 engaged or are interested in engaging in the floriculture industry.

16 SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The cost of acquiring the land, constructing  
17 the appropriate building thereon and the complement of equipment and  
18 machinery required to start the operation of the floriculture gardens shall be  
19 provided by the Provincial Government of Southern Leyte, in cooperation with  
20 the respective municipalities in which said floriculture gardens are to be  
21 established. Acquisition of the land site for the floriculture gardens may also  
22 be acquired by donation, bequeath, expropriation or through lease of usufruct.

23 Thereafter, such sums as shall be necessary to operate and conduct the  
24 training programs and other projects of the floriculture gardens shall be  
25 incorporated in the Annual General Appropriations Ordinances of the  
26 Provincial Government of Southern Leyte and its respective municipalities.

1 Other funding support for the floriculture gardens may be provided from  
2 allocations of funds that may be provided by other executive departments of  
3 the national government or any of its agencies and/or from such financial  
4 assistance as may be arranged by the District Representative in Congress or  
5 other legislators. Grants from local or foreign sources may also be obtained.

6 SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)  
7 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2)  
8 newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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