COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1044

Submitted by the Committee on Agriculture and Food June 2, 2021
House Bill No. 8109
Recommending its approval without amendment.
Sponsors: Representatives Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga and Angelo Marcos Barba

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Agriculture and Food to which was referred House Bill No. 8109, introduced by Rep. Angelo Marcos Barba, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE AS THE GARLIC CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES”

has considered the same and recommends its approval without amendment, with Representative Angelo Marcos Barba as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

REP. WILFRIDO MARK M. ENVERGA
Chairperson
Committee on Agriculture and Food

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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House Bill No. 8109

Introduction by Rep. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA
2nd District, Ilocos Norte

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Ilocos Region is considered the major producer of garlic in the Philippines, accounting for 65 percent of the country's average total production of 14,695.29 metric tons.1 The Province of Ilocos Norte has maintained its rank as the top producing province in the country contributing 55.7% or 4,161 metric tons to the national aggregates.2

Ilocos Norte has consistently produced more than 4,000 metric tons of garlic every year since recovering from the 2016 downfall in production due to pest and disease infestations3. The province also devotes 1,880 hectares of land devoted to garlic farming.4

Thus, in recognition of its status as the biggest producer of garlic in the country, this bill seeks to declare Ilocos Norte as the garlic capital of the Philippines. Such declaration will serve as an inspiration to boost garlic production in the country ensure competitiveness in both domestic and foreign markets.

In light of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

ANGEL MARCOS BARBA

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2 DA-RFO Annual Report 2019, p. 19
3 Department of Agriculture Ilocos Region Annual Report 2018, p. 17
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Introduced by Rep. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA  
2nd District, Ilocos Norte  

AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE AS THE GARLIC CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES  

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote and support the garlic industry in the country and ensure competitiveness in both domestic and foreign markets.

To this end, the State shall recognize the importance of sustaining and enhancing garlic production as a driver of economic development because garlic self-sufficiency can tremendously increase the country’s export earnings and provide livelihood to our farmers.

SECTION 2. Ilocos Norte as the Garlic Capital of the Philippines. – In recognition of its status as the country’s biggest producer of garlic, the Province of Ilocos Norte is hereby declared the Garlic Capital of the Philippines.

SECTION 3. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation,

Approved,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

HOUSE BILL NO. 8109

“AN ACT
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE AS THE
GARLIC CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES”

Introduced by: REP. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA
Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
Committee Chairperson: REP. WILFRIDO MARK M. ENVERGA

OBJECTIVE: To give recognition to the Province of Ilocos Norte as the biggest producer of garlic in the country that will also serve as an inspiration to the garlic farmers to further boost garlic production in the country.

KEY PROVISIONS:

• Declares the Province of Ilocos Norte as the Garlic Capital of the Philippines in recognition of its contribution as the country’s number one producer of garlic.

• Supports the garlic industry in the country as a driver of economic development.