

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9151, August 10, 2001]

**AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE APICULTURE TRAINING AND
DEVELOPMENT CENTER AT THE DON MARIANO MARCOS
MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY, MUNICIPALITY OF BACNOTAN,
PROVINCE OF LA UNION, AND CREATE THE NATIONAL
APICULTURE RESEARCH, TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT
INSTITUTE, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. The Apiculture Training and Development Center is hereby abolished. In its stead, the National Apiculture Research, Training and Development Institute, hereinafter referred to as the Institute, based at the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU) in the Municipality of Bacnotan, Province of La Union, is hereby established.

SEC. 2. All functions, equipment, facilities, supplies, records and personnel of the Apiculture Training and Development Center are hereby transferred to the Institute.

SEC. 3. The Institute shall have the following general power and functions consistent with the research, extension and development programs of the Department of Agriculture, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, National Economic and Development Authority, and the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University:

- a. educate and train beekeepers and apiculturists;
- b. conduct researches; and
- c. extend technologies.

SEC. 4. The Institute shall have the following specific powers and functions:

- a. establish and develop bee breeding facilities capable of producing good quality queen bees needed in its training, research and extension programs;
- b. develop, verify and package appropriate apiculture technologies national application;
- c. establish proper quality control systems for honeybee products and by-products and standards for beekeeping tools and equipment;
- d. develop, design and fabricate beekeeping tools and equipment using local materials;
- e. establish wax mills for processing wax foundations sheets out of locally-produced wax from native and exotic honeybee species;
- f. develop effective, efficient technologies for pollen wax, propolis and royal jelly production;

- g. establish and develop model beekeeping communities;
- h. establish and maintain regional satellite centers to serve as extension, research and training arms of the Institute;
- i. establish appropriate and efficacious pest management programs;
- j. develop appropriate, and effective beekeeping extension strategies and approaches;
- k. educate farmers to increase/improve crop yield and quality through bee pollination;
- l. utilize beekeeping technologies to revolutionize reforestation, agroforestation, forest protection, rehabilitation and beautification programs; and
- m. establish and define the organizational structure, duties of officials and personnel of the Institute.

SEC. 5. The Institute shall be headed by a Director who shall be responsible for the planning, implementation and supervision of the program and activities of the Institute. He shall be appointed by the Board of Regents of the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University upon recommendation of the University President. All other officers and employees shall be appointed by the Director of the Institute, in accordance with the Civil Service Law.

SEC. 6. The plans and programs of the Institute shall be reviewed and recommended annually by an Advisory Board composed of the following:

- a. the Secretary of Agriculture as *ex officio* Chairman;
- b. the President of the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University, as *ex officio* Vice Chairman;
- c. the Secretary of Science and Technology as *ex officio* Member;
- d. the Secretary of Trade and Industry, as *ex officio* Member;
- e. the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, as *ex officio* Member;
- f. the Director General of the National Economic and Development Authority, as *ex officio* Member;
- g. the Executive Director Forestry and Natural (PCARRD), as *ex officio* Member;
- h. the Director of the National Apiculture Research, Development Institute, as *ex officio* Secretary;
- i. one (1) representative from the local beekeeping/ beefarm industry, as Member; and
- j. one (1) member from the nongovernment organization concerned with the apiculture industry.

SEC. 7. The presence of five (5) members at the time of the meeting shall constitute a quorum: *Provided, however,* That the Chairman or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, shall preside.

SEC. 8. For the purpose of research and development activities of the Institute, researchers and support personnel of other related agencies may be detailed to the Institute upon the request of the Director of the Institute and subject to the approval of the Board of Regents of the University: *Provided, however,* That such personnel shall be paid honoraria for their services.

SEC. 9. The Institute is hereby authorized to plan, construct, develop, improve, acquire, or lease buildings, farms, fields and other facilities, to purchase machineries, equipment, materials and supplies locally or abroad as may be necessary to carry out its functions and objectives. Moreover, the Institute shall