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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1737



Introduced by: Hon. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTIPURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARM AND HATCHERY FOR THE PRODUCTION AND MULTIPLICATION OF CRABS AND SHRIMPS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABAT, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE


This bill seeks to establish a multipurpose fishery breeding farm and hatchery for the production of crabs and shrimps in the Municipality of Alabat, Province of Quezon. Alabat is an island municipality along with the municipalities of Quezon and Perez. The people of these coastal towns rely upon fishing as their main source of food and livelihood.

It was previously reported that a hatchery in Unisan town has put Quezon Province on the map of the country's aquaculture industry. Dr. Wesley Rosario, chief of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources-National Integrated Fisheries Technology Development Center was quoted as saying that the Unisan fish hatchery will catalyze the development of aquaculture in Quezon, which supplies almost half of the demand in markets nationwide (Philippine Daily Inquirer, "Hatchery putting Quezon on map of aquaculture", 09 September 2013).

This proposal aims to duplicate said initiative that is now gaining ground in the Province of Quezon. The establishment of a multipurpose fishery breeding farm and hatchery for the production of crabs and shrimps in the island municipality of Alabat presents a viable solution to the problem of livelihood and poverty.

The rearing of fry and fingerlings and their dispersal in communal bodies of water in Quezon will replenish our supply and help keep pace with the increasing demand for fish and other marine resources.

In view thereof, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a multipurpose fishery breeding farm and hatchery for the production and multiplication of crabs and shrimps in the Municipality of Alabat, Province of Quezon.

SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on crab and shrimp culture, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technology that will rejuvenate the fishing industry.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the multipurpose fishery breeding farm and hatchery in the Municipality of Alabat, Province of Quezon, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside from any available local revenue an amount deemed appropriate for their operationalization.

SEC. 4. The BFAR-DA shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,