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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish multipurpose fish breeding stations as well as shrimp hatcheries in the 1<sup>st</sup> District of the Province of Nueva Ecija. The objective is to teach and employ constituents in the science of breeding shrimps and inland fishes for the purpose of harnessing the aquatic natural resources of the locality. When properly implemented, the venture will not only be capable of improving the district's, even the province's, economy, it will also play a part in the establishment of an industry that is valuable to the national economy.


The establishments would be placed under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA) for the purpose of employing the expertise of said agency and to assure the successful implementation of the same. BFAR-DA as an administrative agency of the government is comprised by experts in a specific field of specialization under its jurisdiction. Hence, the decision to place the aforesaid establishment under the supervision of the BFAR-DA certainly augurs well for the proposed bill.

Moreover, the BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on fish, shrimp culture and fish breeding for the purpose of sustaining and developing the technological capacity of the people supervising and managing the establishments.

As it is, there is continuing high demand for shrimps and fishes not only in the domestic market, but in the world as well. In the international scene, the high value of said sea products has led to dynamic and continuing research undertakings from both government and private sectors.

Thus, the passage of this bill holds a lot of promise for the country as it will be able to contribute to the local demand for aforesaid products; at the same time, it will build, sustain and develop an export industry that assures much-needed revenue for the economy.

This bill has been filed during the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress as House Bill No. 5654 and approved by the House of Representatives on May 19, 2015. In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING MULTIPURPOSE FISH BREEDING STATIONS AND SHRIMP**  
**HATCHERIES IN ALL SUITABLE AREAS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF THE**  
**PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE**

*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), multipurpose fish breeding stations and shrimp hatcheries in all suitable areas in the First District of the Province of Nueva Ecija.

**SEC. 2.** The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the multipurpose fish breeding stations and shrimp hatcheries, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government units concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for their operationalization.

**SEC. 3.** The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on fish and shrimp culture, especially as they apply to local conditions, for the purpose of improving existing technology and for maximum income potential of the fishing industry.

**SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,