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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **3554**



Introduced by Representative MARIA VIDA ESPINOSA BRAVO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill aims to strengthen the aquaculture and fisheries resources sector through the formulation of multi-purpose fishery breeding farm and hatchery aimed for the production and multiplication of crabs and shrimps in the Ticao and Burias Island, Masbate respectively, adopting the ecosystem-based approach and expansion of the basic programs of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources-Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), the Local Government Units (LGU), fisher folk cooperatives/organizations and business with direct involvement in fishery breeding farm.

The same further provides for the establishment of physical and socio-economic support infrastructures to ensure the viability of investments and equitable share of the fisher folk and the LGU's from sustainable breeding farm.

And so, parallel to the constitutional guarantee, the State shall promote a just and dynamic order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that will promote full employment, opportunities and improved quality life for all.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-PURPOSE AQUACULTURE ECOSYSTEM BASED
BREEDING FARM FOR THE PRODUCTION AND MULTIPLICATION OF
HIGH BREED CRABS AND SHRIMPS IN TICA0 AND BURIAS ISLANDS,
PROVINCE OF MASBATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Title—There shall be known as the Ticao-Burias
Multi-Aquaculture Ecosystem Based Breeding Act of 2016

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy—It is hereby declared the policy
of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity
and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies
that promote full employment, opportunities and an improved quality life for all.

SECTION 3. Appropriation—The Secretary of Agriculture (DA)
shall immediately include in the Departments' program under the BFAR, the
implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual
General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Interpretation—The provisions of this Act shall be
construed liberally in favor of achieving an ecosystem based approach corresponding
to the rules and regulations and those not consistent herewith shall be suppletory
application in the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations—Ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, the DA, in consultation with BFAR shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations necessary to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause—If any part of this Act is declared by the courts as unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or sections and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause—All other laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act or any provision hereof are hereby repealed or are modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity Clause—This Act shall take effect (15) fifteen days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation readily available and in around the scope specified herein. It shall likewise be posted in conspicuous places at the Municipal Halls of Batuan, San Fernando, San Jacinto, Monreal, Claveria and San Pascual, located in the islands of Ticao and Burias respectively and in the barangay halls where the breeding farms and hatchery will be located and in other places frequented by the public.

Approved,