

**Republic of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City**

**Eighteenth Congress  
First Regular Session**

**House Bill No. 2407**



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**Introduced by Representative Estrellita B. Suansing**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish an aquatic research and experimental breeding station for lake, river, and other inland fishes 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 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, and also the province's, economy; it will also play a part in the establishment of an industry that is valuable to the national economy.

The breeding station(s), namely: the land area, fishponds, facilities and equipment would be placed under the authority and maintenance of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) for the purpose of employing the expertise of said agency and to assure the successful implementation of the same. BFAR 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 breeding station(s) under the supervision of the BFAR certainly augurs well for the proposed bill.

Moreover, in line with the purpose of the proposed bill, the aquatic research and experimental breeding station for lake, river, and other inland fishes may promulgate such rules and regulations regarding the breeding, propagation and distribution of fries, fingerlings and spawners to those engaged in the fishing industry, thereby, assuring that the technological gains achieved by the project would also benefit the industry as a whole.

Thus, the passage of this bill holds a lot of promise not only for the 1<sup>st</sup> District of the Province of Nueva Ecija, but also for the whole province and the entire country, as well. The technological development to be gained from this undertaking and then shared to the whole industry will even make the district a shining example of how it is to become an industry leader.

This bill is a re-file of House Bill No. 7497, approved by the House of Representatives on Third and Final Reading during the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress. Thus,

a study has been made on this. In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING AN AQUATIC RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL  
BREEDING STATION FOR LAKE, RIVER, AND OTHER INLAND FISHES IN  
THE FIRST DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established, under the supervision and control of  
2 the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of  
3 Agriculture (BFAR-DA), an aquatic research and experimental breeding  
4 station for lake, river, and other inland fishes in the First District of the  
5 Province of Nueva Ecija.

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7 **SEC. 2.** The BFAR-DA shall transfer the management of the aquatic research  
8 and experimental breeding station to the local government unit concerned  
9 within two (2) years after its establishment through a memorandum of  
10 agreement. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local  
11 government personnel on the management and operation of the station.

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13 **SEC. 3.** The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's  
14 programs the establishment of the aquatic research and experimental  
15 breeding station, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
16 Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds  
17 from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the  
18 operationalization of the aquatic research and experimental breeding station.

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20 **SEC. 4.** Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of  
21 Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the establishment,  
22 supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the  
23 management of the breeding station to the local government unit concerned.

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

Approved,