

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

**Eighteenth Congress
First Regular Session**

House Bill No. 2408



Introduced by Representative Estrellita B. Suansing

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish multipurpose fish breeding stations as well as shrimp hatcheries in the 1st 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 17th Congress as House Bill No. 7490 and approved on Third and Final Reading. In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

**ESTABLISHING MULTIPURPOSE FISH AND SHRIMP HATCHERIES IN ALL
SUITABLE AREAS 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 of the Bureau
2 of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-
3 DA), multipurpose fish and shrimp hatcheries in all suitable areas in the First
4 District of the Province of Nueva Ecija.

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6 **SEC. 2.** Within two (2) years after the construction of the multipurpose fish
7 and shrimp hatcheries, the BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of agreement,
8 shall transfer the management of the hatcheries to the local government units
9 concerned. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local
10 government personnel on the management and operation of the hatcheries.

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12 **SEC. 3.** The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's
13 programs the establishment of the multipurpose fish and shrimp hatcheries,
14 the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations
15 Act. The local government units concerned shall set aside funds from any
16 available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for their
17 operationalization.

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19 **SEC. 4.** Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of
20 Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the establishment,
21 supervision, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the management of the
22 multipurpose fish and shrimp hatcheries to the local government units
23 concerned.

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

Approved,