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Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7112
(in substitution of House Bill No. 3660)

Introduced by Reps. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado, Leo Rafael M. Cueva, Diego C. Ty, John Reynald M. Tiangco and Jose Antonio “Kuya” R. Sy-Alvarado

AN ACT

CLASSIFYING THE USE OF CHLORINE AS A NOXIOUS OR POISONOUS SUBSTANCE IN ALL FISHING ACTIVITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10654, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998”

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

SECTION 1. Section 92 of Republic Act No. 10654 is hereby amended to read as

1 follows:

2 “SEC. 92. Fishing Through Explosives, Noxious or Poisonous Substance, or Electricity. – (a) It
3 shall be unlawful for any person to catch, take or gather or cause to be caught, taken or gathered
4 fish or any fishery species in Philippine waters with the use of explosives, noxious or poisonous
5 substance, such as CHLORINE OR sodium cyanide, which [~~will~~] MAY kill, stupefy, disable or
6 render unconscious fish or fishery species: Provided, That the Department, subject to such
7 safeguards and conditions deemed necessary and with the endorsement from the concerned LGUs,
8 may allow, for research, educational or scientific purposes only, the use of poisonous or noxious
9 substances to catch, take or gather fish or fishery species: *Provided*, further, That the use of
10 poisonous or noxious substances to eradicate predators and pests in fishponds in
11 accordance with accepted scientific practices and without causing adverse environmental impact

12 in neighboring waters and grounds [~~shall~~] IS not [~~be~~] construed as illegal fishing.

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14 SEC. 2. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall,
15 in coordination with the other members of the inter-agency committee, issue the necessary rules
16 and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

17 SEC 3. All laws orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this
18 Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

21 Approved,