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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon, City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5905

Introduced by Honorable FLORENCIO L. VARGAS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In House Bill No. 5905, this representative seeks to improve the standard of living of the shoreline population of the Second District of Cagayan and other areas whose residents depend on the sea for their livelihood. He proposes to educate the people by establishing a fishery research center in the Municipality of Allacapan.

A companion bill is needed to address the needs of inland fishermen – those who augment their meager income or simply endeavor to supplement their families' nutritional needs - by engaging in marginal fishing in nearby rivers, irrigation canals, ponds and other freshwater bodies. In the deep and remote rural areas, these freshwater resources are practically the only source of protein for the people.

Unfortunately, these freshwater fish resources, that tribe or could be cultivated in natural ponds, water bodies, irrigation canals, and even in backyard fishponds, specifically, the "dalag" and native "hito" are dwindling in number or disappearing to near extinction. To save them from total disappearance, and more importantly, for the sake of the inland farmers, these natural freshwater resources must be protected and propagated. An Aquatic Research and Experimental Breeding Stations as proposed herein to be established in Allacapan, Cagayan, is the answer. Hence, this bill.


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**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN AQUATIC RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL
BREEDING STATIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALLACAPAN PROVINCE
OF CAGAYAN FOR THE CULTURE, BREEDING AND PROPAGATION OF
MUDFISH (“DALAG”), NATIVE HITO, GURAMI AND FRESHWATER SHRIMP,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in the Municipality of Allacapan, Province of Cagayan, an Aquatic Research and Experimental Breeding Station for the breeding, culture and propagation of Mudfish (“Dalag”), Native Hito, Gurami and Freshwater Shrimp, under the guidance and supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) of the Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 2. For this purpose, the BFAR shall endeavor to coordinate with the provincial government of Cagayan in order to save efforts and resources in the accomplishment of whatever common purpose and programs in the same field, and shall formulate the operating guideline for the research and breeding program, including propagation and distribution of spawners, fry and fingerlings of mudfish, native hito, gurami and freshwater shrimp.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department’s program the requirement for the establishment and operationalization of the Aquatic Research and Experimental Breeding Station for Mudfish, Native Hito, Gurami and Freshwater Shrimp in the Province of Cagayan. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for their continued operation and maintenance shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,