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HOUSE BILL NO. 5983

Introduced by HON. MA. AMELITA CALIMBAS-VILLAROSA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the establishment of a fishery hatchery breeding farm/center for production/multiplication of *bangus*, *lapu-lapu*, *alimango* and *tilapia* in the municipalities of Magsaysay and Sta. Cruz in the Province of Occidental Mindoro.

Malnutrition is a major problem in this country and its resolution should be given priority consideration.

Fish and other marine products are important sources of nutrients that are vital for maintaining a healthy existence. However, fish and crabs have become expensive and many families can no longer afford to have it as part of their meals. A remedy to this problem is to increase the fish and crab supply. This can be attained through the establishment of a fishery hatchery breeding farm/center for production/multiplication of *bangus* fingerlings, *lapu-lapu*, *alimango* and *tilapia* in the municipalities of Magsaysay and Sta. Cruz in the Province of Occidental Mindoro where fishing is a source of livelihood.

Fishery is an important source of livelihood in the province of Occidental Mindoro. This measure aims to encourage production and multiplication of fish and other marine products in these municipalities with the end in view of achieving ample supply of fish in the aforementioned areas.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is strongly recommended.

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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING FISHERY HATCHERY AND/OR BREEDING
FARMS/CENTERS FOR THE PRODUCTION/MULTIPLICATION OF BANGUS
FINGERLINGS, LAPU-LAPU, ALIMANGO, AND TILAPIA IN THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF MAGSAYSAY AND STA. CRUZ IN THE PROVINCE OF
OCCIDENTAL MINDORO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture, fishery hatchery and/or breeding farms/centers for the production/multiplication of *bangus* fingerlings, *lapu-lapu*, *alimango*, and *tilapia* in the municipalities of Magsaysay and Sta. Cruz in the province of Occidental Mindoro.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the funding requirements for the establishment and operationalization of the fishery hatchery and/or breeding farms/centers in said municipalities in the province of Occidental Mindoro. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for their continued operation and maintenance shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,