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H. No. 1150

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish multipurpose fish breeding stations as well as crab, prawn and shrimp hatcheries in the 1st District, Province of Nueva Ecija. The objective is to teach and employ constituents in the science of breeding crabs, prawns, 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 or province's economy, it will also play a part in the establishment of an industry that is valuable to the national economy.

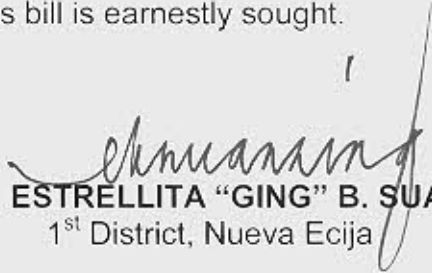
The establishments would be placed under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA) for the purpose of employing the expertise of said agency and to assure the successful implementation of the same. BFAR-DA as an administrative agency of 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 shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on fish, crab, prawn, 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, prawns and others 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; and at the same time build, sustain and develop an export industry that assures much-needed revenue for the economy.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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PRAWN AND SHRIMP HATCHERIES IN ALL SUITABLE AREAS IN THE 1ST
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:*

SECTION 1. There shall be established under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), multipurpose fish breeding stations and crab, prawn and shrimp hatcheries in all suitable areas in the 1st District of the Province of Nueva Ecija.

SEC. 2. The BFAR shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on fish, crab, prawn and shrimp culture especially as they apply to local conditions, for the purpose of improving existing technology and for maximizing income potentials of the fishing industry.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the establishment and operationalization of the multipurpose fish breeding stations and crab, prawn and shrimp hatcheries in all suitable areas in the 1st District of the Province of Nueva Ecija, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,