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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1264



Introduced by HON. FLORENCIO C. GARAY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a multi-purpose fish breeding farm and hatchery for the production of crabs, shrimp and lobsters in the City of Bislig, Province of Surigao del Sur.

Bounded by the Pacific Ocean, Bislig Bay, Lianga Bay and inland waters, the people of the Province of Surigao del Sur relies upon fishing as their main source of food and livelihood. However, our marine resources are dwindling rapidly due to over fishing, destructive fishing methods, pollution and loss of marine habitat. To this, the establishment of a multi-purpose fish breeding farm and hatchery for the production of crabs, shrimp and lobsters in the City of Bislig presents a viable solution.

The rearing of fry and fingerlings and its eventual dispersal in communal bodies of water in the region would replenish our supply and help keep pace with the increasing demand for fish and other marine resources. It would provide our people with enough marine resources for their food consumption as well as for commercial production. It will not only promote livelihood, it will propagate life for the people of the Second District of Surigao del Sur.

In view of its national and local importance, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING MULTIPURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARMS
AND HATCHERIES FOR THE PRODUCTION/MULTIPLICATION
OF CRABS, SHRIMPS AND LOBSTERS IN THE CITY OF BISLIG,
PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR 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, multipurpose fishery breeding farms and hatcheries for the production/multiplication of crabs, shrimps and lobsters in the City of Bislig, Province of Surigao del Sur.

SEC. 2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on fish, crab, lobster and shrimp culture especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technology that will rejuvenate the fishing industry.

SEC. 3. The Department of Agriculture and its related agencies shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the establishment and operationalization of the multipurpose fishery breeding farms and hatcheries for the production/multiplication of crabs, shrimps

and lobsters in the City of Bislig, Province of Surigao del Sur, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,