



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 4025

Introduced by **Honorable ERLPE JOHN "PING" M. AMANTE**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish an aquatic research and experimental breeding station for lake, river and other inland fishes in the Province of Agusan del Norte.

The Lake Mainit, the fourth largest lake in the Philippines and considered to be the deepest lake in the country with maximum depth reaching 223 meters is located in the northeastern part of Mindanao and shared between the provinces of Surigao del Norte and Agusan del Norte. Lake Mainit plays a vital role in the economy of the local government units surrounding it as it serves as the major source of livelihood of its people.

The Province of Agusan del Norte is one of the provinces by which Agusan River flows. It is said to be harbouring different species of fish which is also the main source of livelihood of the people residing near the said river. Also, the province has sources of good quality of water which has chemical, physical and biological characteristics suitable for the establishment of fishpond industry. At present, pioneering businessmen who ventured in the fishpond industry can attest to the good water quality in the province through their high yield of harvest.

The establishment of an aquatic research and experimental breeding station for lake, river and other inland fishes is highly essential for the enhancement of aquatic resources of the province. It will contribute to the technological development in the breeding and propagation of different species of fish, prawns, and other marine resources in fresh water. Also, this measure is a big contributor in the management and development of the fisheries resources towards our government's aim for food security.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN AQUATIC RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL
BREEDING STATION FOR LAKE, RIVER AND OTHER INLAND FISHES
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JABONGA, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL
NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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

Section 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, an Aquatic Research and Experimental Breeding Station for Lake, River and other Inland Fishes in the Municipality of Jabonga, Province of Agusan del Norte.

Section 2. The Department of Agriculture shall formulate the rules and regulation necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the establishment and operationalization of the said Aquatic Research Center and experimental Breeding Station, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,