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House Bill No. **5295**



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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish a mariculture development park in the Municipalities of Carmen, Nasipit and Buenavista in the Province of Agusan del Norte.

The Province of Agusan del Norte is known for having coastal areas with rich marine resources and habitat for various marine species. Thus, government authorities have to ensure the ecological integrity of these coastal areas through the provision of developmental activities that will preserve its present status.

Mariculture industry will also help boost the economic activity of the province as there will be infrastructure development and technology transfer that will equip fishermen, associations, cooperatives and businessmen to venture into mariculture projects.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MARICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PARK
IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CARMEN, NASIPIT AND BUENAVISTA
IN THE 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 the Department of Agriculture, a Mariculture Development Park in the Municipalities of Carmen, Nasipit and Buenavista in the Province of Agusan del Norte.

Section 2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the Mindanao State University are hereby tasked to provide technical assistance in the establishment and maintenance of such facilities as maybe necessary to implement the intents and purposes of this Act. For this purpose, The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources together with Mindanao State University and the concerned Local Government Units, shall formulate the rules and regulation necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 3. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, in coordination with Mindanao State University and the concerned Local Government Units, shall conduct continuing experimentation for the purpose of improving the said park and for maximizing the income potentials of the fishermen in the area.

Section 4. The base of research operations shall be the BFAR-PFO-Agusan del Norte in Butuan City and Mindanao State University-Naawan Campus in Misamis Oriental.

Section 5. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Mindanao State University in collaboration with the concerned Local Government Units, shall take steps as may be necessary to promote and attract investments in this endeavor.

Section 6. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the establishment of the said mariculture development park, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenues in an amount deemed for its operationalization.

Section 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,