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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL No. **7259**



Introduced by REP. JULIETTE T. UY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish an aquatic research and experimental breeding station for lake, river, and other inland fishes in the Municipality of Claveria, Province of Misamis Oriental.

In 2016, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) launched an awards program called "Malinis at Masaganang Karagatan (MMK)" to recognize coastal municipalities for their efforts towards the improvement of marine life.

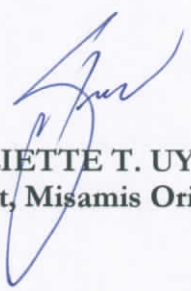
The *SunStar Cagayan de Oro* newspaper reported in its November 07, 2017 issue that Laguindingan, Misamis Oriental won the regional search for the Most Outstanding Coastal Community of the MMK program for the second time in a row.

The efforts of Laguindingan's local government is a boost to efforts of the BFAR to continually develop aquaculture in the region as part of government's drive to keep pace with the increasing demand for fish and other marine food resources in the province and the country in general.

It is in this light that an aquatic research and experimental breeding station for lake, river, and other inland fishes is needed in the town of Claveria to help in replicating the best example of progressively developing the fisheries sector for the whole province. Putting up the said facility in Claveria shall further address the need for more sustainable livelihood opportunities for our fisherfolk in Misamis Oriental.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.

Approved,


REP. JULIETTE T. UY
2nd District, Misamis Oriental

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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 CLAVERIA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL 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 and control of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), an aquatic research and experimental breeding station for lake, river, and other inland fishes in the Municipality of Claveria, Province of Misamis Oriental.

SECTION 2. Within two (2) years after the construction of the aquatic research and experimental breeding station, the BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local government unit concerned. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the station.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the aquatic research and experimental breeding station, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the aquatic research and experimental breeding station.

SECTION 4. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation and monitoring, and the transfer or withdrawal by the BFAR, of the aquatic research and experimental breeding station.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,