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HOUSE BILL NO. 7706



Introduced by Representative Dante S. Garcia and Kenneth Paolo Tereng

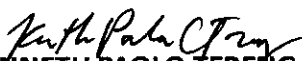
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIII Section 7 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that, "The State shall protect the rights of subsistence fishermen, especially of local communities, to the preferential use of the communal marine and fishing resources, both inland and offshore. It shall provide support to such fishermen through appropriate technology and research, adequate financial, production, and marketing assistance, and other services. The State shall also protect, develop, and conserve such resources. The protection shall extend to offshore fishing grounds of subsistence fishermen against foreign intrusion. Fish workers shall receive a just share from their labor in the utilization of marine and fishing resources.

This bill seeks to establish an inland freshwater fish hatchery in the Municipalities of Aringay, Province of La Union, to address the growing nutritional and economic needs, and ensure long-term food security of the people of La Union. The establishment of these hatcheries shall improve the economy by providing employment opportunities and livelihood support to fisherfolks. It will also be useful to the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) in its research and experimentation on different freshwater species.

The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) has completed the study and inspection of the proposed sites in both municipalities and found these sites qualified for the establishment of an inland freshwater hatchery.

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


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INLAND FRESHWATER FISH HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARINGAY, PROVINCE OF LA UNION, 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 2 Aquatic Resources (BFAR) of the Department of Agriculture (DAR), an inland freshwater fish hatchery in 3 the Municipality of Aringay, Province of La Union.

SEC. 2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) of the Department of Agriculture 6 (DA), shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on freshwater fish species, especially as they 7 apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technologies that will improve 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 the Department's program the establishment 13 and operation of an inland freshwater fish hatchery in the Municipalities of Aringay , Province 14 of La Union.

Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official 17 Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved