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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 263

Submitted by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources on December 15, 2022.

Re: House Bill No. 6716

Recommending its approval in substitution to House Bill No. 3380

Sponsor: Rep. Alfredo D. Marañon III

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources, to which was referred House Bill No. 3380, introduced by the Honorable Tobias “Toby” M. Tiangco, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FISHERFOLK RESETTLEMENT AREAS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 108 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998,” AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10654”

has considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 6716, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FISHERFOLK RESETTLEMENT AREAS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 108 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998,” AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10654”

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3380 with Reps. Tobias “Toby” M. Tiangco and Danny A. Domingo as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alfredo D. Marañon III".

ALFREDO D. MARAÑON III

Chairperson

Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6716
(In substitution of House Bill No. 3380)

Introduced by Reps. Tobias “Toby” M. Tiangco and Danny A. Domingo

AN ACT

MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FISHERFOLK RESETTLEMENT AREAS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 108 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998,” AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10654”

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

SECTION 1. Section 108 of Republic Act No. 8550, otherwise known as “The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998”, as amended by Republic Act No. 10654, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 108. *Fisherfolk Settlement Areas.* – [The Department shall establish and create fisherfolk settlement areas in coordination with concerned agencies of the government, where certain areas of the public domain, specifically near the fishing grounds, shall be reserved for the settlement of the municipal fisherfolk. Nothing in this section shall be construed to vest ownership of any resettlement area to a municipal fisherfolk for whom said areas may have been reserved for or had been actually granted to.] **THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF CITIES OR MUNICIPALITIES EXERCISING JURISDICTION OVER COASTAL AREAS AND MUNICIPAL WATERS, SHALL IDENTIFY, ESTABLISH, AND CREATE SETTLEMENT AREAS WHICH HAVE ADEQUATE ACCESS TO FISHING GROUNDS: PROVIDED, THAT IN PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED OR ESTABLISHED SETTLEMENT AREAS WITH ADEQUATE ACCESS TO FISHING GROUNDS, FISHERFOLK SHALL BE GRANTED PREFERENCE IN THE AWARD OF SETTLEMENT RIGHTS THEREAT: PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENT AREAS SHALL BE IN FAVOR OF FISHERFOLK WHO ARE REGISTERED AS SUCH WITH THEIR**

RESPECTIVE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY AND WHO ARE WITHOUT REAL PROPERTY: PROVIDED FINALLY, THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS EXERCISING JURISDICTION OVER COASTAL AREAS AND MUNICIPAL WATERS ARE HEREBY MANDATED TO INTEGRATE SETTLEMENT AREAS FOR FISHERFOLK IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS.”

SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other portions or provisions hereof, which are not affected thereby, shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* - All other laws, decrees, orders, circulars, issuances, rules and regulations and parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

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*Introduced by: REP. TOBIAS “TOBY” M. TIANGCO and REP. DANNY A.
DOMINGO*

*Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES
RESOURCES*

Committee Chairperson: REP. ALFREDO D. MARAÑON III

OBJECTIVES:

- To enhance the well-being of fisherfolk and fishing communities

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Amends Section 108 of Republic Act No. 8850 (Philippine Fisheries Code) to mandate the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and local governments of cities or municipalities exercising jurisdiction over coastal areas and municipal waters to establish and create settlement areas for fisherfolk that have adequate access to fishing grounds

- Provides that in determining the occupants of settlement areas, preference shall be given in favor of fisherfolk who are registered as such in their respective municipality or city and who are without real property.
- Mandates local government units exercising jurisdiction over coastal areas and municipal waters to integrate settlement areas for fisherfolk in their respective comprehensive land use plans

RELATED LAWS:

Republic Act No. 8850, or The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998