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HOUSE BILL NO. 10312

Introduced by: HON. “KUYA” JOSE ANTONIO R. SY-ALVARADO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the statistics provided by Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources III, Bulacan contributed 15% or 6,222.16MT of the Aquaculture sector share to the total provincial fisheries production of 41,418.05MT. Major Aquaculture Species in the Province of Bulacan are bangus, tilapia, sugpo, mudcrab, catfish, oyster and mussel.

Of the total aquaculture production, bangus is the top contributor followed by tilapia and sugpo. This industry is established and is already contributing to the province’s economy. If we can develop and harness the potential economic contribution and impact of this natural resources, it can jumpstart the abrupt halt in the Philippine’s economic growth brought by the pandemic.

This proposed bill aims to establish a technology verification station with major aquaculture species hatcheries in the coastal Municipality of Bulakan, Province of Bulacan. This measure will boost the already flourishing industry of fisheries production and will provide employment and business opportunities this pandemic.

Thus, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A TECHNOLOGY VERIFICATION STATION WITH BANGUS,
TILAPIA AND FRESHWATER PRAWN HATCHERIES IN THE COASTAL
MUNICIPALITY OF BULAKAN, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the “Lingkod Technology Verification Station and Hatcheries in Bulakan, Bulacan Act”

SECTION 2. Establishment of Technology Verification Station. A technology verification station with bangus, tilapia and freshwater prawn hatcheries in the Municipality of Bulakan, Province of Bulacan is hereby established under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA)

SECTION 3. Feasibility Study. Prior to the establishment of the technology verification station with bangus, tilapia and freshwater prawn hatcheries, the BFAR-DA shall conduct a full-scale feasibility study in support of its construction to comply with the requirements of the Department of Budget and Management.

SECTION 4. Transfer of Management. Within two (2) years after the construction of the technology verification station with bangus, tilapia and freshwater prawn hatcheries, the BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local government of the Municipality of Bulakan. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the technology verification station and hatcheries.

SECTION 5. Continuing Research and Development. The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the breeding and production of bangus, tilapia and freshwater prawn species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technologies that will enhance the fishing industry.

SECTION 6. Appropriations. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department’s programs the conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the
technology verification station with bangus, tilapia and freshwater prawn hatcheries in the Municipality of Bulakan, Province of Bulacan, 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 revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the technology verification station and hatcheries.

SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the technology verification station and hatcheries to the local government of the Municipality of Bulakan.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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