

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila
Eighteenth Congress
Third Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of July, two thousand twenty-one.

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. **11778**]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNOLOGY VERIFICATION STATION WITH TILAPIA AND FRESHWATER PRAWN HATCHERIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. DOMINGO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, 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 Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a technology verification station with tilapia and freshwater prawn hatcheries in the Municipality of Sto. Domingo, Province of Nueva Ecija.

SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the technology verification station with 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.

Within two (2) years after the construction of the technology verification station with 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 Sto. Domingo. 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.

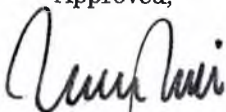
SEC. 3. The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the breeding and production of tilapia and freshwater prawn species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technologies that will enhance the fishing industry.

SEC. 4. 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 tilapia and freshwater prawn hatcheries in the Municipality of Sto. Domingo, Province of Nueva Ecija, 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.

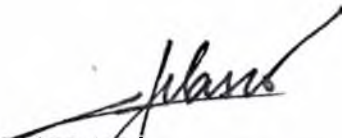
SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the technology verification station and hatcheries to the local government of the Municipality of Sto. Domingo.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,



VICENTE C. SOTTO III
President of the Senate

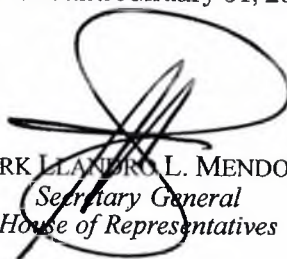


LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines on September 14, 2021 and January 31, 2022, respectively.



MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA
Secretary of the Senate



MARK LLANERO L. MENDOZA
Secretary General House of Representatives

Approved:

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~~Lapsed into law on _____
without the signature of the President, in accordance with Article VI, Section 27, (1), of the Constitution~~

RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
President of the Philippines