



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 3449

BY REPRESENTATIVE SARMIENTO (C.)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MARICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PARK IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF VIRAC, BATO, BARAS, GIGMOTO, VIGA, PANGANIBAN, BAGAMANOC, SAN ANDRES, CARAMORAN AND PANDAN IN THE PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision of the
2 Department of Agriculture, a mariculture development park in the
3 municipalities of Virac, Bato, Baras, Gigmoto, Viga, Panganiban, Bagamanoc,
4 San Andres, Caramoran and Pandan in the Province of Catanduanes.

5 SEC. 2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the
6 Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA) and the Catanduanes State Colleges --
7 College of Agriculture and Fisheries (CSC-CAF) are hereby tasked to provide
8 technical assistance in the establishment and maintenance of such facilities as
9 may be necessary to implement the intents and purposes of this Act. For this
10 purpose, the BFAR-DA, together with the CSC-CAF and the concerned local
11 government units (LGUs), shall formulate the operating guidelines necessary
12 for the operation and maintenance of the said mariculture development parks.

1 SEC. 3. The BFAR-DA, in coordination with the CSC-CAF and the
2 concerned LGUs, shall conduct continuing experimentation for the purpose of
3 improving said parks and for maximizing the income potentials of the
4 fishermen in the area.

5 SEC. 4. The base of research operations shall be the BFAR-DA in
6 Virac, Catanduanes and the CSC-CAF.

7 SEC. 5. The BFAR-DA and the CSC-CAF, in collaboration with the
8 LGUs concerned, shall take steps as may be necessary to promote and attract
9 investments in this economic endeavor.

10 SEC. 6. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's
11 programs the establishment of said mariculture development parks, the funding
12 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The
13 LGUs concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenues in an
14 amount deemed appropriate for its operationalization.

15 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
16 in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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