



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6175

BY REPRESENTATIVE LOONG, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 900

AN ACT ESTABLISHING MODIFIED MARICULTURE DEVELOPMENT
PARKS IN SUITABLE AREAS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF
SULU, AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT
UNITS TO MANAGE THE PARKS AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Sulu Modified
2 Mariculture Development Parks Act”.

3 SEC. 2. There shall be established, under the supervision of the
4 Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture
5 (BFAR-DA), modified mariculture development parks in suitable areas in all
6 the municipalities of the First District of Sulu.

7 SEC. 3. The local government units (LGUs) of the concerned
8 municipalities are hereby authorized to manage their respective mariculture
9 development parks in coordination with the BFAR-DA and the private sector.

10 SEC. 4. The BFAR-DA shall provide technical assistance to the LGUs
11 and concerned private sectors in the establishment and maintenance of the
12 mariculture development parks.

13 The Mindanao State University-Sulu Campus (MSU-Sulu) is
14 mandated to act as the research and development arm of the BFAR-DA.

1 The BFAR-DA, in coordination with the MSU-Sulu and the concerned LGUs,
2 shall conduct continuing experimentation for the purpose of improving the
3 mariculture development parks and for maximizing the income potential of the
4 fishermen in the area. They shall take steps necessary to promote and attract
5 investments in the development of these parks.

6 SEC. 5. The BFAR-DA, together with the MSU-Sulu and the
7 concerned LGUs, shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the
8 effective implementation of this Act.

9 SEC. 6. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's
10 programs the establishment of the modified mariculture development parks
11 located in suitable areas in the municipalities of the First District of Sulu, the
12 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
13 The LGUs concerned shall set aside from any available local revenue an
14 amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of their respective
15 parks.

16 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
17 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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