



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7490

BY REPRESENTATIVES SUANSING (E.) AND NOGRALES (K.A.),
PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 704

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING MULTIPURPOSE FISH AND SHRIMP
HATCHERIES IN ALL SUITABLE AREAS IN THE FIRST
DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision
2 of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department
3 of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), multipurpose fish and shrimp hatcheries
4 in all suitable areas in the First District of the Province of
5 Nueva Ecija.

6 SEC. 2. Within two (2) years after the construction
7 of the multipurpose fish and shrimp hatcheries, the BFAR-DA,
8 through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer the
9 management of the hatcheries to the local government units
10 concerned. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program

1 for local government personnel on the management and operation of
2 the hatcheries.

3 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include
4 in the Department's programs the establishment of the
5 multipurpose fish and shrimp hatcheries, the funding of which shall
6 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local
7 government units concerned shall set aside funds from any
8 available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for their
9 operationalization.

10 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act,
11 the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations
12 on the establishment, supervision, monitoring, and the eventual
13 transfer of the management of the multipurpose fish and shrimp
14 hatcheries to the local government units concerned.

15 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
16 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper
17 of general circulation.

Approved,

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