



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5850

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANGARA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2000

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MARINE RESEARCH AND BREEDING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALER, PROVINCE OF AURORA, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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 Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture, a
3 marine research and breeding center in the Municipality of Baler, Province of
4 Aurora.

5 SEC. 2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the
6 *Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Province of Aurora*, is
7 hereby authorized to assist in the establishment and maintenance of such
8 facilities and equipment as may be necessary to implement the intents and
9 purposes of this Act. For this purpose, the marine research and breeding center
10 shall formulate such operating guidelines as shall be recommended by the
11 Department of Agriculture for research and experimentation on, and the

1 breeding, propagation and distribution of spawners, fry or fingerlings of,
2 marine species endemic to the waters around the Province of Aurora.

3 SEC. 3. The marine research and breeding center, with the technical
4 assistance of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department
5 of Agriculture and such other agencies involved in marine research, shall
6 conduct continuing research and experimentation on the culture and
7 propagation of native marine species especially as they apply to the
8 peculiarities and characteristics of local conditions, for the purpose of
9 improving existing technology and for maximizing income potentials of the
10 fishing industry.

11 SEC. 4. The marine research and breeding center, with the assistance of
12 the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of
13 Agriculture, shall take such steps as may be necessary to encourage the culture
14 of marine species native to the province and thereby promote and attract
15 investments in this field of economic endeavor by providing through the
16 facilities of the breeding component of the center, the application of the
17 technologies developed by the research component of the center and ensure the
18 ready and steady supply of spawners, fries and fingerlings to those engaged in
19 this industry.

20 SEC. 5. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's
21 program the funding requirements for the establishment and operationalization
22 of the marine research and breeding center. Thereafter, the amount necessary
23 for the continued operation and maintenance of the center shall be included in
24 the annual General Appropriations Act.

25 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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