



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9941

BY REPRESENTATIVE SUANSING (E.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1112

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:

1 SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries
2 and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a technology
3 verification station with tilapia and freshwater prawn hatcheries in the Municipality of Sto.
4 Domingo, Province of Nueva Ecija.

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6 SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the technology verification station with tilapia and
7 freshwater prawn hatcheries, the BFAR-DA shall conduct a full-scale feasibility study in
8 support of its construction to comply with the requirements of the Department of Budget and
9 Management.

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11 Within two (2) years after the construction of the technology verification station with
12 tilapia and freshwater prawn hatcheries, the BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of agreement,
13 shall transfer its management to the local government of the Municipality of Sto. Domingo. It
14 shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the
15 management and operation of the technology verification station and hatcheries.

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

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22 SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the
23 conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the technology verification
24 station with tilapia and freshwater prawn hatcheries in the Municipality of Sto. Domingo,
25 Province of Nueva Ecija, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations
26 Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local
27 revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the technology
28 verification station and hatcheries.

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

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

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