



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6716

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BY REPRESENTATIVES TIANGCO, DOMINGO, DALIPE AND PRIMICIAS-AGABAS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT  
No. 263

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AN ACT

MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FISHERFOLK RESETTLEMENT AREAS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 108 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998," AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10654"

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 108 of Republic Act No. 8550, otherwise known as "The Philippine  
2 Fisheries Code of 1998", as amended by Republic Act No. 10654, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4 "SEC. 108. *Fisherfolk Settlement Areas.* – [The Department shall establish and create fisherfolk  
5 settlement areas in coordination with concerned agencies of the government, where certain areas of the  
6 public domain, specifically near the fishing grounds, shall be reserved for the settlement of the  
7 municipal fisherfolk. Nothing in this section shall be construed to vest ownership of any resettlement  
8 area to a municipal fisherfolk for whom said areas may have been reserved for or had been actually  
9 granted to.] **THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
10 SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND  
11 NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF CITIES OR  
12 MUNICIPALITIES EXERCISING JURISDICTION OVER COASTAL AREAS AND  
13 MUNICIPAL WATERS, SHALL IDENTIFY, ESTABLISH, AND CREATE SETTLEMENT  
14 AREAS WHICH HAVE ADEQUATE ACCESS TO FISHING GROUNDS: PROVIDED, THAT  
15 IN PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED OR ESTABLISHED SETTLEMENT AREAS WITH  
16 ADEQUATE ACCESS TO FISHING GROUNDS, FISHERFOLK SHALL BE GRANTED  
17 PREFERENCE IN THE AWARD OF SETTLEMENT RIGHTS THEREAT: PROVIDED,  
18 FURTHER, THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENT AREAS SHALL BE IN**

1 FAVOR OF FISHERFOLK WHO ARE REGISTERED AS SUCH WITH THEIR  
2 RESPECTIVE CITY OR MUNICIPALITY AND WHO ARE WITHOUT REAL PROPERTY:  
3 *PROVIDED, FINALLY,* THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS EXERCISING  
4 JURISDICTION OVER COASTAL AREAS AND MUNICIPAL WATERS ARE HEREBY  
5 MANDATED TO INTEGRATE SETTLEMENT AREAS FOR FISHERFOLK IN THEIR  
6 RESPECTIVE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS”.

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8 SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared  
9 unconstitutional or invalid, the other portions or provisions hereof, which are not affected thereby, shall  
10 remain in full force and effect.

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12 SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, decrees, orders, circulars, issuances, rules and  
13 regulations and parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or  
14 modified accordingly.

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16 SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
17 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,