HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7296

BY REPRESENTATIVES DIMAPORO (S.A.) AND DIMAPORO (M.K.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 334

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A COASTAL AQUACULTURE CENTER TO SUPPORT AND REHABILITATE THE BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES NORTHERN MINDANAO BRACKISH WATER AQUACULTURE FISH FARM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LALA, PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (DA-BFAR), a coastal aquaculture center to further enhance the operations of the BFAR Northern Mindanao Brackish Water Aquaculture Fish Farm in the Municipality of Lala, Province of Lanao Del Norte.

SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the coastal aquaculture center, the DA-BFAR shall conduct a full-scale feasibility study to comply with the requirements of the Department of Budget and Management.

The DA-BFAR shall conduct continuing technological verification and experimentation on coastal aquaculture, especially as they apply to local conditions, and to discover new methods and technology that will rejuvenate the fishing industry.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the coastal aquaculture center, and the rehabilitation of the BFAR Northern Mindanao Brackish Water Aquaculture Fish Farm in the Municipality of Lala, Province of Lanao del Norte, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

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

Approved,