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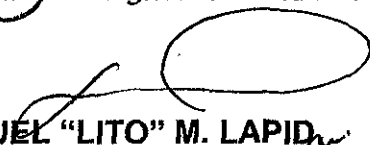

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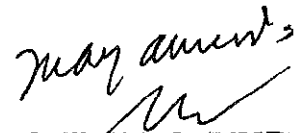
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H. No. 5852

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMALO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2002

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MARINE RESEARCH AND BREEDING
CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ODIONGAN, PROVINCE
OF ROMBLON, 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 Department of Agriculture, a marine research and breeding center in the
3 Municipality of Odiongan, Province of Romblon.

4 SEC. 2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the
5 Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Province of Romblon, is
6 hereby authorized to assist in the establishment and maintenance of such
7 facilities and equipment as may be necessary to implement the intents and
8 purposes of this Act. For this purpose, the marine research and breeding center
9 shall formulate such operating guidelines as shall be recommended by the
10 Department of Agriculture for research and experimentation on, and the
11 breeding, propagation and distribution of spawners, fry or fingerlings of,
12 marine species endemic to the waters around the Province of Romblon.

13 SEC. 3. The marine research and breeding center, with the technical
14 assistance of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department

1 of Agriculture and such other agencies involved in marine research, shall
2 conduct continuing research and experimentation on the culture and
3 propagation of native marine species especially as they apply to the
4 peculiarities and characteristics of local conditions, for the purpose of
5 improving existing technology and for maximizing income potentials of the
6 fishing industry.

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

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

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

Approved,