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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1948

BY REPRESENTATIVE SALIMBANGON

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RESEARCH CENTER FOR FISH BREEDING AND/OR HATCHERY FOR GROUPER, PRAWN, LOBSTER, CRAB AND OTHER HIGH-VALUE MARINE SPECIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANTAYAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU 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 Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture, a research center for fish breeding and/or hatchery for grouper, prawn, lobster, crab and other high-value marine species in the Municipality of Bantayan, Province of Cebu.
- SEC. 2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources shall issue such rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.
- SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the research center, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue to fund its operationalization.
- SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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