



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6088

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTEJO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 854

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES RESEARCH, TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCT CENTER IN EACH OF THE PROVINCES OF LEYTE, SOUTHERN LEYTE, BILIRAN, EASTERN SAMAR, SAMAR, AND NORTHERN SAMAR, 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 in each of the provinces of
2 Leyte, Southern Leyte, Biliran, Eastern Samar, Samar, and Northern Samar
3 a Provincial Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Research, Training,
4 Development, and Product Center, under the supervision of the Bureau
5 of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture
6 (BFAR-DA).

7 SEC. 2. Each provincial center shall, at a minimum, provide onsite and
8 online access to the following:

9 (a) Research and technology for innovative and sustainable fish
10 breeding and hatchery of high-value marine species;

11 (b) Training activities and technical assistance to provide sustainable
12 development and production support and education to fisherfolk;

1 (c) Technical assistance for sustainable production and
2 environmentally sound post-harvest development services;

3 (d) Technical assistance in the establishment, operation, enhancement
4 and maintenance of government-operated marine sanctuaries, seaweed
5 nurseries, seaweed processing plants, and mariculture development park
6 facilities;

7 (e) Catalog, display, and promote local fisheries and aquatic products,
8 and provide marketing and product distribution assistance to fisherfolk; and

9 (f) Database of available credit assistance for fisherfolk, and local and
10 international grants and scholarships for fisheries and aquatic resources studies
11 and research.

12 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's
13 programs the establishment of the Provincial Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
14 Research, Training, Development, and Product Centers, the funding of which
15 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local
16 government units concerned shall set aside from any available local revenue an
17 amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of these centers.

18 SEC. 4. The Department of Agriculture, through the BFAR, shall issue
19 rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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

Approved,