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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 342

Prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Agriculture and Food, and Finance on
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Re: House Bill No. 4458

Recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsor: Senator Villar

Mr. President:

The Committee on Agriculture and Food, jointly with the Committee on Finance, to which was referred House Bill No. 4458, authored by Reps. Sarmiento (C.), Colmenares, Zarate and Ridon, entitled:

***AN ACT
ESTABLISHING MARICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PARKS IN THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF VIRAC, BATO, BARAS, GIGMOTO, VIGA,
PANGANIBAN, BAGAMANOC, SAN ANDRES, CARAMORAN AND PANDAN,
PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR***

have considered the same and have the honor to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, line 2, delete the phrase "mariculture development parks" and replace it with the phrase "MANGROVE CRAB SEED BANKS, NURSERIES AND GROW-OUT PRODUCTION FARMS";
2. Starting on page 1, line 5, up to page 2, line 7, delete Sections 2 and 3, and replace them with new Sections 2 and 3, to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. THE BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES (BFAR), THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF CATANDUANES, THE CONCERNED LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND THE CATANDUANES STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL, IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF AREAS WHERE THESE SEED BANKS, NURSERIES AND GROW-OUT PRODUCTION FARMS WILL BE ESTABLISHED, SHALL PLACE PRIORITY TO THE UTILIZATION OF ABANDONED, UNDEVELOPED OR UNDERUTILIZED FISHPONDS COVERED BY FISHPOND LEASE AGREEMENTS.

SEC. 3. THE BFAR AND THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF CATANDUANES, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CATANDUANES STATE UNIVERSITY, SHALL ISSUE GUIDELINES, AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO FISHERMEN AND THEIR ASSOCIATIONS, IN THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, SUPERVISION AND MONITORING OF MANGROVE CRAB SEED BANKS, NURSERIES AND GROW-OUT PRODUCTION FARMS.

3. On page 2, line 9, delete the phrase "mariculture development parks" and replace it with the phrase "MANGROVE CRAB SEED BANKS, NURSERIES AND GROW-OUT PRODUCTION FARMS";
4. On the same page, line 12, delete the word "operationalization" and replace it with the phrase "ESTABLISHMENT, SUPERVISION AND MONITORING"; and
5. Lastly, on the Title, first line, delete the phrase "MARICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PARKS" and replace it with the phrase "MANGROVE CRAB SEED BANKS, NURSERIES AND GROW-OUT PRODUCTION FARMS"

Respectfully submitted,



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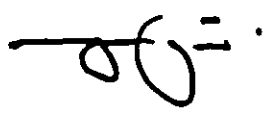
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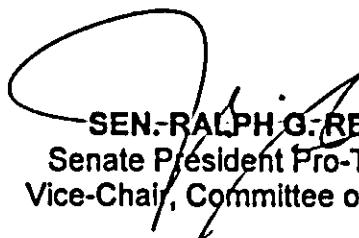

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4458

BY REPRESENTATIVES SARMIENTO (C.), COLMENARES, ZARATE AND RIDON,
PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 221

AN ACT ESTABLISHING MARICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PARKS IN
THE MUNICIPALITIES OF VIRAC, BATO, BARAS, GIGMOTO,
VIGA, PANGANIBAN, BAGAMANOC, SAN ANDRES,
CARAMORAN AND PANDAN, PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES
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, under the supervision of the
2 Department of Agriculture, mariculture development parks in the
3 municipalities of Virac, Bato, Baras, Gigmoto, Viga, Panganiban, Bagamanoc,
4 San Andres, Caramoran and Pandan, Province of Catanduanes.

5 SEC. 2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of
6 the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA) and the Catanduanes State
7 Colleges-College of Agriculture and Fisheries (CSC-CAF) are hereby tasked
8 to provide technical assistance in the establishment and maintenance of the
9 facilities. For this purpose, the BFAR-DA, together with the CSC-CAF and
10 the concerned local government units (LGUs), shall formulate the operating
11 guidelines necessary for the operation of the mariculture development parks.

1 The base of research operations shall be the BFAR-DA in Virac,
2 Catanduanes and the CSC-CAF.

3 SEC. 3. The BFAR-DA, in coordination with the CSC-CAF and the
4 concerned LGUs, shall conduct continuing experimentation for the purpose of
5 improving the parks and for maximizing income potentials of the fishermen in
6 the area. They shall take the necessary steps to promote and attract
7 investments in this economic endeavor.

8 SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's
9 programs the establishment of the mariculture development parks, the funding
10 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The
11 LGUs concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue to fund
12 their operationalization.

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

Approved,

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