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## H. No. 7482

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

By Representatives Amante and Nograles (K.A.), per Committee Report No. 693

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MARICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PARK LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CARMEN, NASIPIT, AND BUENAVISTA, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN 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 (BFAR-DA), a mariculture development park located in the municipalities of Carmen, Nasipit, and Buenavista, Province of Agusan del Norte.

SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA and the Mindanao State University (MSU) are hereby tasked to provide technical assistance in the establishment and maintenance of the facilities of the park. For this purpose, the BFAR-DA, in coordination with the MSU and the concerned local government units (LGUs), shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The BF	AR-DA, in coordination	on with the MSU and the
concerned LGUs, sha	ll conduct continuing	experimentation for the
purpose of improving	g the park and for	maximizing the income
potential of the fish	ermen in the area.	They shall take steps
necessary to promote and attract investments in this endeavor.		

The base of research and development operations shall be the BFAR Provincial Field Office in Butuan City, Province of Agusan del Norte, and the MSU-Naawan Campus in the Province of Misamis Oriental.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the mariculture development park located in the municipalities of Carmen, Nasipit, and Buenavista, Province of Agusan del Norte, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The LGUs concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for its operationalization.

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

Approved,