

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6876

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AUMENTADO, AGABAS, RODRIGUEZ, REVILLA, NIETO AND LEGARDA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 341

AN ACT

MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FISHERFOLK RESETTLEMENT AREAS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 108 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998," AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10654"

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. Section 108 of Republic Act No. 8550, otherwise known as "The Philippine
2 Fisheries Code of 1998", as amended by Republic Act No. 10654, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4 "SEC. 108. *Fisherfolk Settlement Areas.* – [The Department shall establish and create fisherfolk
5 settlement areas in coordination with concerned agencies of the government, where certain areas of the
6 public domain, specifically near the fishing grounds, shall be reserved for the settlement of the municipal
7 fisherfolk. Nothing in this section shall be construed to vest ownership of any resettlement area to a
8 municipal fisherfolk for whom said areas may have been reserved for or had been actually granted to.]
9 **THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS**
10 **AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF CITIES OR**
11 **MUNICIPALITIES HAVING JURISDICTION OVER COASTAL AREAS AND MUNICIPAL**
12 **WATERS, SHALL ESTABLISH AND CREATE SETTLEMENT AREAS FOR FISHERFOLK**
13 **WITH ADEQUATE ACCESS TO FISHING GROUNDS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE**
14 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: PROVIDED, THAT WHERE THERE EXIST**
15 **PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED OR ESTABLISHED SETTLEMENT AREAS WITH ADEQUATE**
16 **ACCESS TO FISHING GROUNDS, FISHERFOLK SHALL BE GRANTED PREFERENCE IN**
17 **THE AWARD THEREOF: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT PREFERENCE SHALL BE GIVEN,**
18 **OR SETTLEMENT AREAS SHALL BE ESPECIALLY ESTABLISHED, ONLY IN FAVOR OF**
19 **FISHERFOLK WHO ARE REGISTERED AS SUCH WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE CITY OR**
20 **MUNICIPALITY AND WHO ARE WITHOUT REAL PROPERTY: PROVIDED, FINALLY,**

21 **THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS HAVING JURISDICTION OVER COASTAL AREAS**
22 **AND MUNICIPAL WATERS ARE HEREBY MANDATED TO INTEGRATE SETTLEMENT**
23 **AREAS FOR FISHERFOLK IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE**
24 **PLANS.”**

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26 SEC. 2. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
27 unconstitutional or invalid, the other portions or provisions hereof, which are not affected thereby, shall
28 remain in full force and effect.

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30 SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* - All other laws, decrees, orders, circulars, issuances, rules and
31 regulations and parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or
32 modified accordingly.

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34 SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
35 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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37 Approved,