



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7500

BY REPRESENTATIVES BILLONES AND CASTRO (J.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 401

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING AN AQUACULTURE FEED MILL PLANT IN BARANGAY BAHIT, MUNICIPALITY OF PANAY, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ 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 Bureau of Fisheries
2 and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (DA-BFAR), an aquaculture feed mill
3 plant in Barangay Bahit, Municipality of Panay, Province of Capiz.
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5 SEC. 2. Upon the effectivity of this Act, the DA-BFAR shall prepare a project study or
6 proposal detailing the mechanics for the establishment of an aquaculture feed mill.
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8 SEC. 3. Within five (5) years after the establishment of the aquaculture feed mill plant, the
9 DA-BFAR shall, through a memorandum of agreement with the local government of the
10 Municipality of Panay, constitute and convene a Management Board which shall be the policy
11 making body of the aquaculture feed mill plant. The Management Board shall be composed of five
12 (5) members consisting of the following:

- 13 a. One (1) representative from the Local Government Unit of the Municipality of Panay;
14 b. One (1) representative from the Panay Aqua Farmers Consumer Cooperative (PAFCC);
15 c. One (1) representative from the Department of Science and Technology;
16 d. One (1) representative from the Department of Trade and Industry; and
17 e. One (1) representative from the Capiz State University

18 The members of the Management Board shall serve for a term of five (5) years.

19 SEC. 4. The DA-BFAR shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local
20 government personnel and the members of the Management Board on the management and
21 operation of the aquaculture feed mill plant.

22 The DA-BFAR shall, in coordination with the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development
23 Center-Aquaculture Department and the Management Board, conduct continuing research and
24 experimentation on the development of the aquaculture feeds, especially as they apply to local
25 conditions, to discover new methods and technologies on aquaculture as well as the production of

1 feeds. They shall develop an education and training program to educate the marginal fisherfolk on
2 these new methods and technologies.

3 SEC. 5. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the
4 conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the aquaculture feed mill plant
5 in Barangay Bahit, Municipality of Panay, Province of Capiz, the funding of which shall be
6 included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside
7 funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization
8 of the aquaculture feed mill plant.

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10 SEC. 6. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture
11 shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual
12 transfer of the management of the aquaculture feed mill plant to the local government of the
13 Municipality of Panay.

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15 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
16 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,