Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City  

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
Second Regular Session  

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 392  

Submitted by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources  

Re: House Bill No. 7112  

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3660  

Sponsor: Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva  

Mr. Speaker:  

The Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources, to which was referred House Bill No. 3660, introduced by Rep. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado, entitled:  

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF CHLORINE IN ALL FISHING ACTIVITIES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 92 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10654 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"  

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 7112, entitled:  

"AN ACT CLASSIFYING THE USE OF CHLORINE AS A NOXIOUS OR POISONOUS SUBSTANCE IN ALL FISHING ACTIVITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10654, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998""  

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3660, with Reps. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado, Leo Rafael M. Cueva, Diego C. Ty, John Reynald M. Tiangco as author thereof.  

Respectfully submitted:  

[Signature]  

LEO RAFAEL M. CUEVA  
Chairman  
Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources  

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

SECTION 1. Section 92 of Republic Act No. 10654 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 92. Fishing Through Explosives, Noxious or Poisonous Substance, or Electricity. – (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to catch, take or gather or cause to be caught, taken or gathered fish or any fishery species in Philippine waters with the use of explosives, noxious or poisonous substance, such as CHLORINE OR sodium cyanide, which will MAY kill, stupefy, disable or render unconscious fish or fishery species: Provided, That the Department, subject to such safeguards and conditions deemed necessary and with the endorsement from the concerned LGUs, may allow, for research, educational or scientific purposes only, the use of poisonous or noxious substances to catch, take or gather fish or fishery species: Provided, further, That the use of poisonous or noxious substances to eradicate predators and pests in fishponds in accordance with accepted scientific practices and without causing adverse environmental impact
in neighboring waters and grounds [shall] IS not [be] construed as illegal fishing.

SEC. 2. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall, in coordination with the other members of the inter-agency committee, issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC 3. All laws orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,