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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8147

BY REPRESENTATIVES GONZALEZ, NOGRALES (K.A.), MARCOLETA, DEFENSOR, ROA-PUNO, PALMA, NOEL, SALO, GONZALES (A.P.), PIMENTEL, SAVELLANO, ORTEGA (V.N.), GARCIA (J.E.), FORTUN, HERRERA-DY, PRIMICIAS-AGABAS, ATIENZA, GARBIN, ABAYON, BRAVO (A.), YAP (A.), LANETE, OAMINAL, MANALO, JAVIER, TING, ALVAREZ (F.), CANAMA, BOLILIA, ROCAMORA, SARMIENTO (E.M.), PACQUIAO, VILLARIN, OLIVAREZ, GASATAYA, MALAPITAN, BELARO, DIMAPORO (M.K.), GO (M.), SINGSON, ONG (H.) AND SY-ALVARADO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 836

- AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIBON, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, 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 multispecies marine hatchery in the Municipality of Libon, Province of Albay.
- SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall transfer the management of the multispecies marine hatchery to the local government of Libon within two (2) years after its construction through a memorandum

of agreement. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the multispecies marine hatchery in the Municipality of Libon, Province of Albay, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall provide an area of land for the establishment of the hatchery and shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the management of the multispecies marine hatchery to the local government of Libon.

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

Approved,