HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8082

By Representative Bascug, per Committee Report No. 614

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A FRESHWATER FISH HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALACOGON, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, 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 freshwater fish hatchery in the Municipality of Talacogon, Province of Agusan del Sur.

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SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall transfer the management of the freshwater fish hatchery to the local government of Talacogon 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.

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The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on freshwater aquaculture, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technology that shall benefit the freshwater fisheries industry.

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SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the freshwater fish hatchery in the Municipality of Talacogon, Province of Agusan del Sur, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

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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 freshwater fish hatchery to the local government of Talacogon.

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

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