



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7691

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BY REPRESENTATIVE ECLEO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 501

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
BASILISA, PROVINCE OF DINAGAT ISLANDS, 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 (BFAR-DA), a multi-species marine  
3 hatchery in the Municipality of Basilisa, Province of Dinagat Islands.

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5           SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall transfer the management of the multi-species marine  
6 hatchery to the local government of Basilisa, within two (2) years after its construction through a  
7 memorandum of agreement. The BFAR-DA shall implement a training and phasing-in program  
8 for the personnel of the local government unit concerned on the management and operation of the  
9 multi-species marine hatchery.

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11           The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the breeding  
12 and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new  
13 methods and technology that shall benefit the fisheries industry.

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15           SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the  
16 establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Basilisa, the funding of  
17 which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit  
18 concerned shall set aside funds from any available revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for  
19 the operationalization of the hatchery.

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21           SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture  
22 shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual  
23 transfer of the management of the multi-species marine hatchery to the local government of  
24 Basilisa.

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

Approved,