



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8120

BY REPRESENTATIVES YAP (C.) AND HERNANDEZ, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 525

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HINUNANGAN, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, 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), a central multi-species
3 marine hatchery in the Municipality of Hinunangan, Province of Southern Leyte.

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5 SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the central multi-species marine hatchery, the DA-
6 BFAR shall conduct a full-scale feasibility study in support of its construction to comply with the
7 requirements of the Department of Budget and Management.

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9 Within two (2) years after the construction of the central multi-species marine hatchery, the
10 DA-BFAR shall, through a memorandum of agreement, transfer its management to the local
11 government of the Municipality of Hinunangan. The DA-BFAR shall implement, in collaboration
12 with the Southern Leyte State University (SLSU), a training and phasing-in program for local
13 government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.

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15 SEC. 3. The DA-BFAR shall, together with the SLSU, collaborate with and provide
16 technical assistance to the local government personnel in undertaking research and experimentation
17 on the breeding and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to
18 discover new methods and technologies that will support the needs of hatchery operators and ensure
19 the sustainable growth of the fishing industry in Southern Leyte.

1 SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the
2 conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the central multi-species marine
3 hatchery in the Municipality of Hinunangan, Province of Southern Leyte, the funding of which shall
4 be included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside
5 funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization
6 of the hatchery.

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8 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture
9 shall issue the rules and regulations on the establishment, supervision, operation, monitoring, and
10 the eventual transfer of the management of the central multi-species marine hatchery to the local
11 government of the Municipality of Hinunangan, Province of Southern Leyte.

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13 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
14 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,