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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5153

By Representative Matugas, per Committee Report No. 1317

AN ACT ESTABLISHING RESEARCH STATIONS FOR FISH BREEDING AND/OR HATCHERIES FOR GROUPER, PRAWN, LOBSTER, CRAB AND OTHER HIGH-VALUE MARINE SPECIES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF DAPA, DEL CARMEN, SOCORRO AND PILAR IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), research stations for fish breeding and/or hatcheries for grouper, prawn, lobster, crab and other high-value marine species in the municipalities of Dapa, Del Carmen, Socorro and Pilar in the Province of Surigao del Norte.

SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA is hereby authorized to establish, acquire and maintain such facilities and equipment as may be necessary to implement the intents and purposes of this Act. For this purpose, the research stations for fish breeding and/or hatcheries may promulgate such rules and regulations regarding the breeding, propagation and distribution of fries, fingerlings and spawners to those engaged in the fishing industry.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's
programs the establishment of said research stations and/or hatcheries, the
funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act
The local governments concerned shall set aside funds from any available local
revenues in an amount deemed appropriate for their operationalization.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,