



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7477

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUPAS AND NOGRALES (K.A.), PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 688

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE
HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATAD,
PROVINCE OF ILOILO 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
2 of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department
3 of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a multispecies marine hatchery in the
4 Municipality of Batad, Province of Iloilo.

5 SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall, within three (3) years after the
6 establishment of the multispecies marine hatchery, transfer the
7 management of the same to the Northern Iloilo Polytechnic
8 State College (NIPSC) through a memorandum of agreement. The
9 BFAR-DA shall implement a training and phasing-in program
10 for NIPSC personnel on the management and operation of the
11 multispecies marine hatchery.

12 The BFAR-DA and the NIPSC shall conduct continuing
13 research and experimentation on the breeding and production

1 of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions,
2 to discover new methods and technology that shall benefit the
3 fisheries industry.

4 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the
5 Department's programs the establishment of the multispecies
6 marine hatchery in the Municipality of Batad, Province of Iloilo,
7 the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
8 Appropriations Act. The NIPSC concerned shall set aside funds
9 from any available revenue in an amount deemed appropriate
10 for the operationalization of the hatchery.

11 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act,
12 the Department of Agriculture and the NIPSC shall issue the rules
13 and regulations on the establishment, supervision, monitoring, and
14 the eventual transfer of the management of the multispecies marine
15 hatchery to the NIPSC.

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

Approved,

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