



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7486

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUPAS AND NOGRALES (K.A.), PER
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 697

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE
HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ESTANCIA,
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 Estancia, 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 State
8 College (NIPSC) through a memorandum of agreement. The
9 BFAR-DA shall implement a training and phasing-in program for
10 NIPSC personnel on the management and operation of the
11 multispecies marine hatchery.

1 The BFAR-DA and the NIPSC shall conduct continuing
2 research and experimentation on the breeding and production of
3 marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to
4 discover new methods and technology that shall benefit the fisheries
5 industry.

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

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

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

Approved,

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