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BY REPRESENTATIVES TUPAS AND NOGRALES (K.A.), PER COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 710

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE  
HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CONCEPCION,  
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 Concepcion, Province of Iloilo.

5           SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA and the Northern Iloilo Polytechnic  
6 State College (NIPSC) shall conduct continuing research and  
7 experimentation on the breeding and production of marine species,  
8 especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods  
9 and technology that shall benefit the fisheries industry.

10           The BFAR-DA shall transfer the management of the  
11 multispecies marine hatchery to the NIPSC within three (3) years  
12 after its establishment through a memorandum of agreement. The

1 BFAR-DA shall implement a training and phasing-in program for  
2 NIPSC personnel on the management and operation of the  
3 multispecies marine hatchery.

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 Concepcion, Province of  
7 Iloilo, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
8 Appropriations Act. The NIPSC shall set aside funds from any  
9 available revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the  
10 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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