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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## H. No. 8146

By Representatives Dimaporo (A.), Sy-Alvarado, Acosta, Nograles (K.A.), Marcoleta, Defensor, Roa-Puno, Palma, Noel, Salo, Gonzales (A.P.), Pimentel, Savellano, Ortega (V.N.), Garcia (J.E.), Fortun, Herrera-Dy, Primicias-Agabas, Atienza, Garbin, Abayon, Bravo (A.), Yap (A.), Lanete, Oaminal, Manalo, Javier, Ting, Alvarez (F.), Canama, Bolilia, Rocamora, Sarmiento (E.M.), Pacquiao, Villarin, Olivarez, Gasataya, Malapitan, Belaro, Dimaporo (M.K.), Gonzalez, Go (M.), Singson and Ong (H.), per Committee Report No. 835

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BRACKISH WATER MULTISPECIES HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LALA, PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a brackish water multispecies hatchery in the Municipality of Lala, Province of Lanao del Norte.

SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall transfer the management of the brackish water multispecies hatchery to the local government of Lala within two (2) years after its construction through a

memorandum of agreement. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.

SEC. 3. The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the breeding and production of brackish water species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technology that shall benefit the freshwater aquaculture industry.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the brackish water multispecies hatchery in the Municipality of Lala, Province of Lanao del Norte, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the management of the brackish water multispecies hatchery to the local government of Lala.

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

Approved,