



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8879

BY REPRESENTATIVES VELOSO AND NOGRALES (K.A.), PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 1085

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE
HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA,
PROVINCE OF LEYTE, 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 Villaba, Province of Leyte.

5 SEC. 2. Within two (2) years after the construction of
6 the multispecies marine hatchery, the BFAR-DA, through a
7 memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management
8 to the Visayas State University (VSU)-Villaba Campus. It shall
9 implement a training and phasing-in program for VSU personnel
10 on the management and operation of the multispecies marine
11 hatchery.

12 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the
13 Department's programs the establishment of the multispecies

1 marine hatchery in the Municipality of Villaba, Province of Leyte,
2 the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
3 Appropriations Act. The VSU-Villaba Campus shall set aside funds
4 from any available revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for
5 the operationalization of the multispecies marine hatchery.

6 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act,
7 the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations
8 on the supervision and monitoring, and the transfer of the
9 management of the multispecies marine hatchery by the BFAR to
10 the VSU-Villaba Campus.

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

Approved,

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