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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 7370

Introduced by Reps. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE CITY OF ZAMBOANGA, 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 of the Bureau of Fisheries and
2 Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a multi-species marine hatchery in the
3 City of Zamboanga.
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5 SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall transfer the management of the multi-species marine hatchery to the
6 local government of Zamboanga City within two (2) years after its construction through a memorandum of
7 agreement. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the
8 management and operation of the hatchery.
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10 The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the breeding and
11 production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and
12 technology that shall benefit the fisheries industry.
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14 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the
15 establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery in the City of Zamboanga, the funding of which shall
16 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside
17 funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the
18 hatchery.
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20 Sec. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall
21 issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, monitoring, and the transfer of the management of the
22 multi-species marine hatchery to the City of Zamboanga.
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24 Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in
25 a newspaper of general circulation.
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27 Approved,