

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 7704

Introduced by Representative Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr.

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CRAB HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KUMALARANG,
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, 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
2 Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a crab hatchery
3 in the Municipality of Kumalarang, Province of Zamboanga del Sur.
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5 SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall transfer the management of the crab hatchery to the local
6 government of Kumalarang 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
8 on the management and operation of the hatchery.
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10 The BFAR-DA and the local government of Kumalarang shall conduct continuing
11 research and experimentation on the breeding and production of crab species, as they apply to
12 local conditions, to discover new methods and technology that shall benefit the crab industry.
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14 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the
15 establishment of the crab hatchery in the Municipality of Kumalarang, Province of Zamboanga
16 del Sur, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The
17 local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an
18 amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.
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20 Sec. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of
21 Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and
22 the eventual transfer of the management of the crab hatchery to the local government of
23 Kumalarang.
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25 Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
26 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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28 Approved,