



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8081

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BY REPRESENTATIVE ESPINA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 613

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AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BILIRAN,  
PROVINCE OF BILIRAN 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 Municipality of Biliran, Province of Biliran.

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5           SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall, within two (2) years after the establishment of the multi-species marine  
6 hatchery, transfer the management of the same to the Biliran Province State University (BiPSU) through a  
7 memorandum of agreement. The BFAR-DA shall implement a training and phasing-in program for BiPSU  
8 personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.

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10          The BFAR-DA and the BiPSU shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the breeding  
11 and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and  
12 technology that shall benefit the fisheries industry. Furthermore, they shall develop an extension program that  
13 shall cater to the marginal fisherfolk on the propagation of high-value marine species.

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15          SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of  
16 the multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Biliran, Province of Biliran, the funding of which  
17 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The BiPSU shall set aside funds from any  
18 available revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

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20          Sec. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of Agriculture and the  
21 BiPSU shall issue the rules and regulations on the establishment, supervision, monitoring, and the eventual  
22 transfer of the management of the multi-species marine hatchery to the BiPSU.

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24          Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a  
25 newspaper of general circulation.

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27          Approved,