



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9933

BY REPRESENTATIVE SARMIENTO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1104

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE CITY OF
CALBAYOG, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, 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
2 and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a multi-species marine
3 hatchery in the City of Calbayog, Province of Samar.

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5 SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery, the BFAR-DA
6 shall conduct a full-scale feasibility study in support of its construction to comply with the
7 requirements of the Department of Budget and Management.

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9 Within two (2) years after the construction of the multi-species marine hatchery, the
10 BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local
11 government of the City of Calbayog. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for
12 local government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.

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14 SEC. 3. The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the
15 breeding and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to
16 discover new methods and technologies that will enhance the fishing industry.

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18 SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the
19 conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the multi-species marine
20 hatchery in the City of Calbayog, Province of Samar, the funding of which shall be included in
21 the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds
22 from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization
23 of the hatchery.

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25 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture
26 shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual
27 transfer of the multi-species marine hatchery to the local government of the City of Calbayog.

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

Approved,