



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6338

BY REPRESENTATIVES BASCUG, PLAZA AND TAMBUNTING, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 181

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A FRESHWATER FISH HATCHERY IN MUNICIPALITY OF TALACOGON,
PROVINCE OF AGUSAN 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 freshwater
3 fish hatchery in Municipality of Talacogon, Province of Agusan del Sur.

4 SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the freshwater fish hatchery, the BFAR-DA shall
5 conduct a full-scale Feasibility Study in support of its construction to comply with the
6 requirements of the Department of Budget and Management.

7 Within two (2) years after the construction of the freshwater fish hatchery, the BFAR-
8 DA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local
9 government of Municipality of Talacogon. It shall implement a training and phasing-in
10 program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.

11 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the
12 conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of a freshwater fish hatchery
13 in Municipality of Talacogon, Province of Agusan del Sur, the funding of which shall be
14 included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set
15 aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the
16 operationalization of the hatchery.

17 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of
18 Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and
19 the eventual transfer of the management of the freshwater fish hatchery to the local government
20 of Municipality of Talacogon.

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

Approved,