



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7295

BY REPRESENTATIVE TUPAS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 332

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A CENTRAL MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARLES, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, 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 (DA-BFAR), a central multi-species
3 marine hatchery in the Municipality of Carles, Province of Iloilo.
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5 SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the central multi-species marine hatchery, the DA-
6 BFAR 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 central multi-species marine hatchery,
10 the BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer the management of the same
11 to the local government of the Municipality of Carles. The DA-BFAR shall implement a training
12 and phasing-in program for the local government personnel of the Municipality of Carles in
13 collaboration with the Northern Iloilo State University (NISU) on the management and operation
14 of the central multi-species marine hatchery.
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16 The DA-BFAR, the local government of the Municipality of Carles, and the NISU shall
17 conduct continuing research and experimentation on the breeding and production of marine
18 species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technology that
19 shall benefit the fisheries industry.
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21 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the
22 conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the central multi-species
23 marine hatchery in the Municipality of Carles, Province of Iloilo, the funding of which shall be
24 included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside
25 funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the
26 operationalization of the hatchery.
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28 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of
29 Agriculture and the local government of the Municipality of Carles shall issue the rules and
30 regulations on the establishment, supervision, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the
31 management of the central multi-species marine hatchery to the local government unit of the
32 Municipality of Carles.

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

Approved,