



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 3672

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BY REPRESENTATIVE GOMEZ

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, 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 Municipality of Merida, Province of Leyte.

4           SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery, the BFAR-DA  
5 shall 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 multi-species marine hatchery, the  
8 BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local  
9 government of the Municipality of Merida. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program  
10 for local government personnel on the management and operation of the multi-species hatchery.

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

1           SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the  
2 conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the multi-species marine  
3 hatchery in the Municipality of Merida, Province of Leyte, the funding of which shall be  
4 included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit shall set aside funds  
5 from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of  
6 the hatchery.

7           SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of  
8 Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and  
9 the eventual transfer of the multi-species marine hatchery to the local government of the  
10 Municipality of Merida.

11           SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or  
12 unconstitutional, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and in effect.

13           SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – Any other law, issuance or part thereof inconsistent with this  
14 Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

15           SEC. 8. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
16 the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,