



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7424

BY REPRESENTATIVE TUPAS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 393

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CONCEPCION, 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 multi-species marine
3 hatchery in the Municipality of Concepcion, Province of Iloilo.

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5 SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery, the DA-BFAR
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 central multi-species marine hatchery,
10 the DA-BFAR shall transfer the management of the same to the Northern Iloilo State University
11 (NISU), through a Memorandum of Agreement. The DA-BFAR shall implement a training and
12 phasing-in program for NISU personnel and the local government personnel of the Municipality
13 of Concepcion on the management and operation of the multi-species marine hatchery.

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15 The DA-BFAR and NISU shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the
16 breeding and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover
17 new methods and technology that shall benefit the fisheries industry.

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

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7 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of
8 Agriculture and the NISU shall issue the rules and regulations on the establishment, supervision,
9 operation, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the management of the multi-species marine
10 hatchery to the NISU.

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

Approved,