



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7501

BY REPRESENTATIVE CAGAS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 402

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY TO INCLUDE THE PRODUCTION OF CRABS, SHRIMPS AND LOBSTERS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF DAVAO 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 Fisheries
2 and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (DA-BFAR), a multi-species marine
3 hatchery in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Davao del Sur.

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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 multi-species marine hatchery, the DA-
10 BFAR, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local government
11 of the Municipality of Sta. Cruz. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local
12 government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.

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

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19 SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the
20 conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the multi-species marine

1 hatchery in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Davao del Sur, the funding of which shall be
2 included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside
3 funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization
4 of the hatchery.

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

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

Approved,