



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES CORVERA AND HERNANDEZ, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 528

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE CITY OF CABADBARAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE, 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 City of Cabadbaran, Province of Agusan del Norte.  
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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 shall, through a memorandum of agreement, transfer its management to the local government  
11 of the City of Cabadbaran, Province of Agusan del Norte. It shall implement a training and phasing-  
12 in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.  
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14           SEC. 3. The DA-BFAR and the City Government of Cabadbaran shall conduct continuing  
15 research and experimentation on the breeding and production of marine species, especially as they  
16 apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technologies that will enhance the fishing  
17 industry. Furthermore, they shall develop an extension program that shall cater to the local  
18 fisherfolk on the propagation of high-value marine species.

1           SEC. 4. 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 City of Cabadbaran, Province of Agusan del Norte, the funding of which shall be  
4 included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside  
5 funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization  
6 of the hatchery.

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8           SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture  
9 shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual  
10 transfer of the management of the multi-species marine hatchery to the local government of the City  
11 of Cabadbaran, Province of Agusan del Norte.

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

Approved,