



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8291

BY REPRESENTATIVES PRIMICIAS-AGABAS AND HERNANDEZ, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 602

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES FRESHWATER FISH HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, 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 freshwater
3 fish hatchery in the Municipality of Santa Maria, Province of Pangasinan.

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5 SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the multi-species freshwater fish hatchery, the
6 DA-BFAR shall conduct a full-scale feasibility study in support of its construction to comply with
7 the requirements of the Department of Budget and Management.

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9 Within two (2) years after the construction of the multi-species freshwater fish hatchery, the
10 DA-BFAR shall, through a memorandum of agreement, transfer its management to the local
11 government of the Municipality of Santa Maria, Province of Pangasinan. It shall implement a
12 training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation
13 of the hatchery.

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15 SEC. 3. The DA-BFAR shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the
16 breeding and production of freshwater fish species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to
17 discover new methods and technologies that will 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 freshwater

1 fish hatchery in the Municipality of Santa Maria, Province of Pangasinan, the funding of which
2 shall be included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set
3 aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the
4 operationalization 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 freshwater fish hatchery to the local government
9 of the Municipality of Santa Maria, Province of Pangasinan.

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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,