



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8293

BY REPRESENTATIVES YAP (C.) AND HERNANDEZ, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 604

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIBAGON, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN 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 (DA-BFAR), a satellite multi-species
3 marine hatchery in the Municipality of Libagon, Province of Southern Leyte.

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5 SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the satellite multi-species marine hatchery, the DA-
6 BFAR 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 satellite multi-species marine hatchery,
10 the DA-BFAR shall, through a memorandum of agreement, transfer its management to the local
11 government of the Municipality of Libagon. The DA-BFAR 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 Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the
15 conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the satellite multi-species
16 marine hatchery in the Municipality of Libagon, Province of Southern Leyte, the funding of which
17 shall be included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set
18 aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the
19 operationalization of the hatchery.

1 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture
2 shall issue the rules and regulations on the establishment, supervision, operation, monitoring, and
3 the eventual transfer of the management of the satellite multi-species marine hatchery to the local
4 government of the Municipality of Libagon, Province of Southern Leyte.

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

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