



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6339

BY REPRESENTATIVE ESPINA AND TAMBUNTING, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 182

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BILIRAN, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, 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
2 Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a multi-
3 species marine hatchery in Municipality of Biliran, Province of Biliran.

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5 SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery, the BFAR-DA
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
10 BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local
11 government of Municipality of Biliran. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program
12 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 a multi-species marine
16 hatchery in Municipality of Biliran, Province of Biliran, the funding of which shall be included
17 in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds
18 from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization
19 of the hatchery.

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21 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of
22 Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and
23 the eventual transfer of the management of the multi-species marine hatchery to the local
24 government of Municipality of Biliran.

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

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