



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7499

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BY REPRESENTATIVE DALIPE, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 400

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AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE CITY OF  
ZAMBOANGA, 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 Zamboanga.

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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           The DA-BFAR shall transfer the management of the multi-species marine hatchery to the  
10 local government of Zamboanga City within two (2) years after its construction through a  
11 memorandum of agreement. 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, especially as they apply to local conditions, to  
16 discover new methods and technology that shall benefit the fisheries industry.

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18           SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the  
19 conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the multi-species marine  
20 hatchery in the City of Zamboanga, the funding of which shall be included in the General  
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1 Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available  
2 local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

3 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture  
4 shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, monitoring, and the transfer of the  
5 management of the multi-species marine hatchery to the City of Zamboanga.

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

Approved,