



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4432

BY REPRESENTATIVE MATUGAS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 212

AN ACT ESTABLISHING RESEARCH STATIONS FOR FISH BREEDING AND/OR HATCHERIES FOR GROUPEL, PRAWN, LOBSTER, CRAB AND OTHER HIGH-VALUE MARINE SPECIES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF DAPA, DEL CARMEN, SOCORRO AND PILAR IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO 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 Bureau of Fisheries
2 and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), research
3 stations for fish breeding and/or hatcheries for grouper, prawn, lobster, crab
4 and other high-value marine species in the municipalities of Dapa, Del
5 Carmen, Socorro and Pilar in the Province of Surigao del Norte.

6 SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA is hereby authorized to establish, acquire and
7 maintain the facilities and equipment as may be necessary to implement the
8 intents and purposes of this Act. For this purpose, the research stations for fish
9 breeding and/or hatcheries may promulgate such rules and regulations on the
10 breeding, propagation and distribution of fries, fingerlings and spawners to
11 those engaged in the fishing industry.

1 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's
2 programs the establishment of the research stations and/or hatcheries, the
3 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
4 The local government units concerned shall set aside funds from any available
5 local revenue to fund their operationalization.

6 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
7 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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