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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 341

Prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Agriculture and Food, and Finance on
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Re: House Bill No. 4432

Recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsor: Senator Villar

Mr. President:

The Committee on Agriculture and Food, jointly with the Committee on Finance, to which was referred House Bill No. 4432, authored by Rep. Matugas, entitled:

**"AN ACT
ESTABLISHING RESEARCH STATIONS FOR FISH BREEDING AND/OR
HATCHERIES FOR GROUPER, 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"**

have considered the same and have the honor to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, lines 2 to 5, delete the phrase "research stations for fish breeding and/or hatcheries for grouper, prawn, lobster, crab and other high-value marine species in the municipalities of Dapa, Del Carmen, Socorro and Pilar " and replace it with the phrase "MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERIES IN SURIGAO CITY AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF DEL CARMEN";
2. On lines 6 to 11, delete the entire Section 2 and replace it with a new Section 2, to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERIES, THE BFAR SHALL, THROUGH A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, TRANSFER THEIR MANAGEMENT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS CONCERNED. IT SHALL IMPLEMENT A TRAINING AND PHASING-IN PROGRAM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL ON THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERIES."

3. On page 2, line 2, delete the phrase "research stations and/or" and replace it with the phrase "MULTI-SPECIES MARINE";
4. On the same page, line 5, delete the word "operationalization", and replace it with the phrase "MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION";

5. On the same page, between lines 5 and 6, insert a new Section 4, to read, as follows:

"SEC. 4. THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE SHALL ISSUE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE SUPERVISION AND MONITORING, AND THE TRANSFER OR WITHDRAWAL, BY BFAR OF THE MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERIES."

6. On the same page, line 6, replace the number "4" with the number "5"; and

7. Lastly, on the Title, from the first to the fifth lines, delete the phrase "RESEARCH STATIONS FOR FISH BREEDING AND/OR HATCHERIES FOR GROUPER, PRAWN, LOBSTER, CRAB AND OTHER HIGH-VALUE MARINE SPECIES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF DAPA, DEL CARMEN, SOCORRO AND PILAR" and replace it with the phrase "MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERIES IN SURIGAO CITY AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF DEL CARMEN".

Respectfully submitted,


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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 GROUPER, 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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