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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. ____344

Prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Agriculture and Food, and Finance on DEC 1 5 2015

Re: House Bill No. 5650

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. 5650, authored by Rep. Amante, entitled:

"AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A MULTIPURPOSE FISH BREEDING STATION AND CRAB, PRAWN, SHRIMP, AND LOBSTER HATCHERY IN BARANGAY ATA-ATAHON, MUNICIPALITY OF NASIPIT, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE AND APPRIPATING 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 3 to 4, delete the phrase "multipurpose fish breeding station and crab, prawn, shrimp, and lobster" and replace it with the phrase "MULTI-SPECIES MARINE";
- 2. On the same page, lines 6 to 9, 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 HATCHERY, THE BFAR SHALL, THROUGH A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, TRANSFER ITS MANAGEMENT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED. IT SHALL IMPLEMENT A TRAINING AND PHASING-IN PROGRAM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL ON THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY."

- 3. Starting on page 1, line 11, up to page 2, line 2, delete the phrase "fish breeding station and crab, prawn, shrimp, and lobster" and replace it with the phrase "MULTI-SPECIES MARINE":
- 4. On page 2, line 4, delete the word "operationalization", and replace it with the phrase "MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION":
- 5. On the same page, lines 5 to 7, delete the entire Section 4 and replace it with 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 HATCHERY."

6. Lastly, on the Title, from the first to the second lines, delete the phrase "MULTIPURPOSE FISH BREEDING STATION AND CRAB, PRAWN, SHRIMP, AND LOBSTER" and replace it with the phrase "MULTI-SPECIES MARINE".

Respectfully submitted,

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5650

By Representative Amante, per Committee Report No. 664

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTIPURPOSE FISH BREEDING STATION AND CRAB, PRAWN, SHRIMP, AND LOBSTER HATCHERY IN BARANGAY ATA-ATAHON, MUNICIPALITY OF NASIPIT, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a multipurpose fish breeding station and crab, prawn, shrimp, and lobster hatchery in Barangay Ata-atahon, Municipality of Nasipit, Province of Agusan del Norte.

SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on fish, crab, prawn, shrimp, and lobster culture, especially as they apply to local conditions, for the purpose of improving existing technology and maximizing the income potential of the fishing industry.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the fish breeding station and crab, prawn,

1.	shrimp, and lobster hatchery, the funding of which shall be included in the
2	annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned
3	shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed
4	appropriate for its operationalization.

SEC. 4. The BFAR-DA, in coordination with the local government units concerned, shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,