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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. ____ 345

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

Re: House Bill No. 5651

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. 5651, authored by Rep. Amante, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AQUATIC RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL BREEDING STATION FOR LAKE, RIVER, AND OTHER INLAND FISHES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JABONGA, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN 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 3 to 4, delete the phrase "an aquatic research and experimental breeding station for lake, river, and other inland fishes" and replace it with the phrase "A **MULTI-SPECIES FRESHWATER HATCHERY":**
- 2. On the same page, between lines 5 and 6, insert a new Section 2, to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MULTI-SPECIES FRESHWATER 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 FRESHWATER HATCHERY."

- 3. On the same page, renumber Section 2 as Section 3;
- 4. On the same page, lines 7 and 8, delete the phrase "aquatic research and experimental breeding station" and replace it with the phrase "MULTI-SPECIES FRESHWATER HATCHERY";
- 5. On the same page, line 11, delete the phrase "operationalization of the station" and replace it with the phrase "MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE HATCHERY";

6. On page 2, lines 1 to 3, delete the entire Section 3 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 FRESHWATER HATCHERY." Section

7. Renumber the succeeding accordingly; and

8. Lastly, on the Title, from the first to the third lines, delete the phrase "AN AQUATIC RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL BREEDING STATION FOR LAKE, RIVER, AND OTHER INLAND FISHES" and replace it with the phrase "A MULTI-SPECIES FRESHWATER HATCHERY".

Respectfully submitted,

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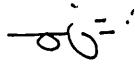
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5651

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMANTE, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 665

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AQUATIC RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL BREEDING STATION FOR LAKE, RIVER, AND OTHER INLAND FISHES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JABONGA, 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), an aquatic research and experimental breeding station for lake,
 river, and other inland fishes in the Municipality of Jabonga, Province of
 Agusan del Norte.

6 SEC. 2. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's 7 program the establishment of the aquatic research and experimental breeding 8 station, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General 9 Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds 10 from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the 11 operationalization of the station. SEC. 3. The BFAR-DA, in coordination with the local government unit
 concerned, shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective
 implementation of this Act.

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