



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4850

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAN (A.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 59

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOPEZ, PROVINCE OF QUEZON 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
2 Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture
3 (BFAR-DA), a multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Lopez,
4 Province of Quezon.

5 SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall, within two (2) years after the
6 construction of the multi-species marine hatchery, transfer the management
7 of the same to the local government unit concerned through a memorandum
8 of agreement. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for
9 local government personnel on the management and operation of the
10 hatchery.

11 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's
12 programs the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery in the
13 Municipality of Lopez, Province of Quezon, the funding of which shall be
14 included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit

1 concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount
2 deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

3 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the
4 Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the
5 supervision, monitoring, transfer, or withdrawal by the BFAR of the
6 multi-species marine hatchery.

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

Approved,

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