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House Bill No. 4787



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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This proposed legislative measure formally seeks to establish multispecies marine hatcheries in the City of Zamboanga. This measure has been filed by the undersigned and transmitted to the Senate during the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Relative to the State policy which guarantees the timely provision of assistance and support to the fishery sector by maximizing suitable technology and research, this proposed establishment of a multi-purpose fish breeding station and hatchery will provide income and improve the productivity of the local fisherfolk through the availability of resources and technology.

With the establishment of multispecies marine hatcheries in the City of Zamboanga, a stable and sufficient supply of fish and other marine products in the City and nearby provinces can be ensured. The increase of production will provide significant contribution to food security and long-term sustainability of aquatic and marine resources.

In view of the foregoing reasons, early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERIES IN THE  
CITY OF ZAMBOANGA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines  
in the 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), multispecies marine hatcheries in the City of Zamboanga.

SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall, after the establishment of the multispecies marine hatcheries, transfer the management of the same to the local government of the Zamboanga through a memorandum of agreement. The BFAR-DA shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the multispecies marine hatcheries.

The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the breeding and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technology that shall benefit the fishing industry.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the multispecies marine hatcheries in the City of Zamboanga, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government units concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the multispecies marine hatcheries.

SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, monitoring, and the transfer of the management of multispecies marine hatcheries to the City of Zamboanga.

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

Approved,