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**HOUSE BILL NO. 3234**



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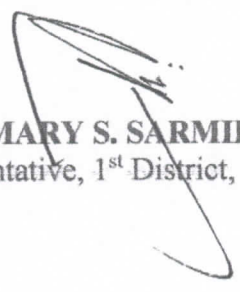
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

It is stated by no less than our Constitution that the State shall provide support to fishermen through appropriate technology and research, adequate financial, production, and marketing assistance and other services. This bill aims to support this through the establishment of a multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Sta. Margarita, Province of Samar.

Western Samar remains as one of the areas with the highest poverty incidence rate per family. Nonetheless, it is also a fertile ground for rural development. Fisheries, being one of the primary industries in the area especially in coastal barangays, is crucial to the lives of the residents of Samar. Strengthening and seeking to improve it will largely affect the lives of the people as it will be economically beneficial for them.

The passage of this bill shall provide novel opportunities to the fisherfolks of Samar and shall accord benefits to their families. It shall also ensure adequate food supply throughout the province and its surrounding territories.

In view thereof, approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARGARITA, PROVINCE OF SAMAR 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 Bureau of  
2 Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA), a multi-  
3 species marine hatcher in the Municipality of Sta. Margarita, Province of Samar.

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

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10          **SECTION 3.** The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and development on  
11 the multi-species marine hatchery to discover new methods that will enhance the fishing  
12 industry.

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1           **SECTION 4.** The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department of  
2   Agriculture's programs the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery in the  
3   Municipality of Sta. Margarita, Samar, the funding of which shall be included in the General  
4   Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any  
5   available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the  
6   hatchery.

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8           **SECTION 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of  
9   Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, monitoring, transfer, or  
10   withdrawal by the BFAR of the multi-species marine hatchery.

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12           **SECTION 6.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two  
13   (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

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15           *Approved,*