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House Bill No. 3264



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed legislation seeks to establish a multi-purpose fishery breeding farm and hatcheries in the Municipalities of Leyte, Calubian and Villaba, Province of Leyte.

The agricultural areas in said municipalities are mostly devoted to rice, corn and coconut production. While in the past, fishing was an alternative source of income, the same, out of government neglect, can no longer be relied upon by fishermen. Establishment of fish hatcheries, especially in these municipalities, has become necessary.

It is on the basis of the foregoing that approval of the bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-PURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARM
AND HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, PROVINCE OF
LEYTE, 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
2 of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (BFAR-DA),
3 multi-purpose fishery breeding stations and hatcheries for the production and
4 multiplication of fish and shellfish in the Municipalities of Calubian, Leyte, and
5 Villaba, all in the Province of Leyte.

6 **SECTION 2.** The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and
7 experimentation on fish and shellfish culture, especially as they apply to local
8 conditions; and to discover new methods that will upgrade and enhance the quality
9 of fisheries production.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department of
11 Agriculture's programs the immediate establishment of the multipurpose fishery
12 breeding farm and hatchery herein mandated. Henceforth, funds for their operation
13 and upkeep of needed facilities shall be included in the General Appropriations
14 Act.

15 The local governments of the Municipalities of Leyte, Calubian, and Villaba,
16 Province of Leyte, shall set aside from any available local revenue such amounts
17 as may be appropriate to support the operation of the multi-purpose fishery
18 breeding farm and hatchery.

19 **SECTION 4.** The BFAR-DA shall promulgate the necessary implementing
20 rules and regulations to implement this Act within sixty (60) days from effectivity of
21 this Act.

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