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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
H. No. 1122

Introduced by **Representative Raul C. Tupas**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF CARLES, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

Carles is a second class municipality in the province of Iloilo. Based on the 2014 census, it has a population of 70,204 people. It is famous in Panay island for its rich fishing grounds. It is the northernmost municipality in the province and is 142 kilometers (88 mi) from the provincial capital, Iloilo City, and 71 kilometers (44 mi) from Roxas City. The land area is 11,204.68 hectares while the territorial waters are 367,625 hectares.

The Municipality of Carles lies in the Visayan Sea triangle, an imaginary triangle extending from the provinces of Iloilo, Negros, Cebu, Samar, and Masbate. This triangle is a part of the "Sulu-Sulawesi Triangle" of the Sulu Sea and neighboring Indonesia where a large concentration of marine organisms coupled with climate conditions support a massive marine ecosystem. Various commercial species are harvested along Carles' waters, namely mackerel, barracuda, sardines, shad, pompano, grouper, squid, cuttlefish, shrimp, prawns, shells, seaweed and others. These catches from Carles' water territory are brought to Estancia's fish port.

This Bill seeks to establish a multi-species marine hatchery in the municipality of Carles to ensure that it will continue its strategic importance in commercial fishing which is the main source of food and livelihood of its people. In addition, this initiative also presents a viable solution to the problem of poverty.

The bill was deliberated and approved on Third Reading by the House of Representatives during the 17th Congress.

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


RAUL "BOBOY" C. TUPAS

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MUNICIPALITY OF CARLES, PROVINCE OF ILOILO 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), a multispecies marine hatchery in the Municipality of Carles, Province of Iloilo.

SECTION 2. The BFAR-DA shall, within three (3) years after the establishment of the multispecies marine hatchery, transfer the management of the same to the Northern Iloilo Polytechnic State College (NIPSC) through a memorandum of agreement. The BFAR-DA shall implement a training and phasing-in program for NIPSC personnel on the management and operation of the multispecies marine hatchery.

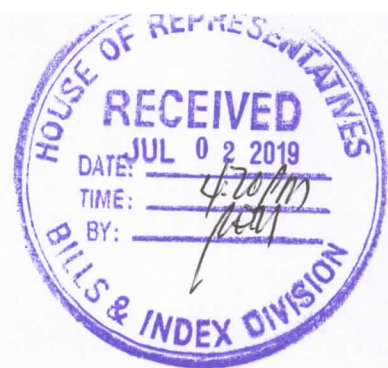
The BFAR-DA and the NIPSC shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the breeding and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technology that shall benefit the fisheries industry.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the multispecies marine hatchery in the Municipality of Carles, Province of Iloilo, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The NIPSC concerned shall set aside funds from any available revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

SECTION 4. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of Agriculture and the NIPSC shall issue the rules and regulations on the establishment, supervision, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the management of the multispecies marine hatchery to the NIPSC.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.
Approved,

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Introduced by **Representative Raul C. Tupas**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF CONCEPCION, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

Agriculture contributes over 10 percent to the country's gross domestic product and fisheries contribute between 15 percent and 18 percent to the agriculture sector. The fisheries sector also provides direct and indirect employment to over one million Filipino people.

This Bill seeks to establish a multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Concepcion to catalyze the development of aquaculture in the area which can generate jobs for its people.

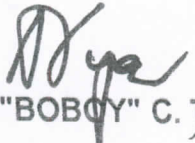
The Municipality of Concepcion is a third class, coastal municipality in the province of Iloilo. Based on the 2010 census, it had a population of 39,617 people. Concepcion is politically subdivided into twenty-five barangays, eleven of which are island barangays, and fourteen of which are on the mainland (Panay Island).

The primary industry of the people of Concepcion is in fishing. The Visayan Sea, where Concepcion is situated, is one of the most prolific in fish production and provides a significant proportion of fish in the region.

The approval of this Bill will contribute to the growth and development of the fisheries sector and allied industries. It will also help increase the income of fisher folks who, together with farmers, remained among the poorest in the country.

The bill was deliberated and approved on Third Reading by the House of Representatives during the 17th Congress.

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


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