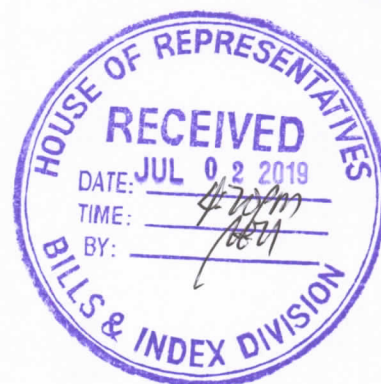


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE
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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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*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
3 multispecies marine hatchery in the Municipality of Concepcion, Province of Iloilo.
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- 5 **SECTION 2.** The BFAR-DA shall, within three (3) years after the establishment of the
6 multispecies marine hatchery, transfer the management of the same to the Northern
7 Iloilo Polytechnic State College (NIPSC) through a memorandum of agreement. The
8 BFAR-DA shall implement a training and phasing-in program for NIPSC personnel on
9 the management and operation of the multispecies marine hatchery.
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- 11 The BFAR-DA and the NIPSC shall conduct continuing research and
12 experimentation on the breeding and production of marine species, especially as they
13 apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technology that shall benefit the
14 fisheries industry.
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- 16 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs
17 the establishment of the multispecies marine hatchery in the Municipality of Concepcion,
18 Province of Iloilo, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
19 Appropriations Act. The NIPSC concerned shall set aside funds from any available
20 revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.
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- 22 **SECTION 4.** Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of
23 Agriculture and the NIPSC shall issue the rules and regulations on the establishment,
24 supervision, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the management of the
25 multispecies marine hatchery to the NIPSC.
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- 27 **SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
28 Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.
29 Approved,