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House Bill No. **3576**



Introduced by: Representative Manuel Jose M. Dalipe

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed legislative measure formally seeks to establish a multi-purpose fish breeding station and hatcheries for bangus, prawns, crabs, shrimps, tilapia, and lobsters in the City of Zamboanga.

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 the multi-purpose fish breeding station and crabs, shrimps, bangus, tilapia, and lobsters hatchery 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dalipe", written over the printed name.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING MULTIPURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING
FARMS AND HATCHERIES FOR THE PRODUCTION AND
MULTIPLICATION OF BANGUS, PRAWNS, CRABS, SHRIMPS,
TILAPIA AND LOBSTERS 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), multipurpose fishery breeding farms and hatcheries for the production and multiplication of bangus, prawns, crabs, shrimps, tilapia, and lobsters in the City of Zamboanga.

SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on bangus, prawns, crabs, shrimps, tilapia, and lobster culture, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technology that will rejuvenate the fishing industry.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the multipurpose fishery breeding farms and hatcheries for the production and multiplication of bangus, prawns, crabs, shrimps, tilapia, and lobsters 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 these farms and hatcheries.

SEC. 4. The Department of Agriculture and its related agencies shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

Approved,