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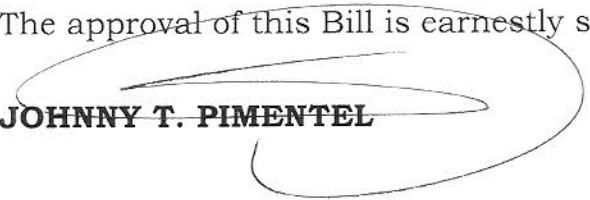
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Fishing serves as the main source of food and livelihood for the people of Surigao del Sur due since its coastlines are bounded by the Pacific Ocean. The fast growth of the communities and the increasing demands of the aquatic products for trade have become a challenge to the present supply of our aquatic resources. This dilemma is in need for governmental intervention. The establishment of multipurpose aquatic breeding farms and hatcheries for the production of lobsters, shrimps, prawns and crabs present a practical and sustainable solution to this end.

The rearing of fry and fingerlings would be able to help in increasing the supply of the marine life. In turn, the replenished population of our shrimps, prawns and crabs will assist in the promotion of the livelihood of our fishermen and boost the trade of marine products in Surigao del Sur.

This Bill seeks to ensure that the City of Bislig will become a center for this initiative through the establishment of a multipurpose fish breeding farms and hatcheries.

The approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A MULTIPURPOSE FISH BREEDING FARMS AND**  
**HATCHERIES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF LOBSTERS, SHRIMPS AND**  
**CRABS IN THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR**

**SECTION 1. *Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “Establishment of Multipurpose Fish Breeding Farms and Hatcheries for the Production of Lobsters, Shrimps and Crabs in the City of Bislig Act.”

**SECTION 2. *Establishment of Multipurpose Farms and Hatcheries*** – Multipurpose fish breeding farms and hatcheries for the production and multiplication of lobsters, shrimps and crabs shall be established in the City of Bislig, Province of Surigao del Sur.

**SECTION 3. *Supervision of the BFAR*** – The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) of the Department of Agriculture shall take supervision over the said multipurpose fish breeding farms and hatcheries.

**SECTION 4. *Continuing Research*** – The BFAR shall conduct continuing research and development on the production of lobsters, shrimps, prawns, crabs and fishes to discover new methods that will enhance the fishing industry.

**SECTION 5. *Priority in Budget Allocation.*** The National Government shall appropriate such amount, as may be necessary to carry out the objectives of this Act.

**SECTION 6. *Budget Required.*** The Department of Agriculture shall promulgate a specific programmed budget needed to cover the expenses for the establishment and operationalization of the multipurpose fish breeding farms and hatcheries for the production of lobsters, shrimps and crabs in the City of Bislig.

**SECTION 7. *Inclusion in the Appropriations Act.*** – The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act for the year following the approval of this Act.

**SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of the Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 9. *Effectivity.*** – 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,