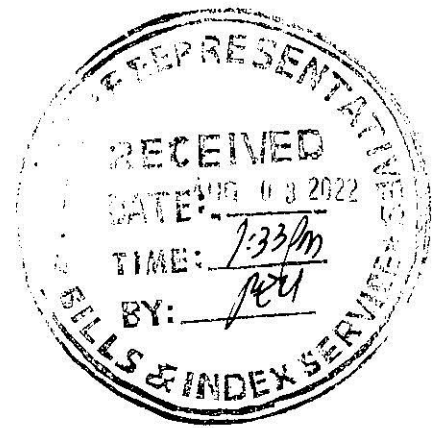


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Liloy is a third class municipality with a population of 42,213 people as of the 2020 census. Of its thirty-seven (37) barangays, twelve (12) are located in coastal areas facing the Sindangan Bay. Thus, fishing is an important livelihood of the residents of its coastal communities, Liloy being the fishing ground of the northwestern towns of the province of Zamboanga del Norte.

As a municipality that relies on its aquatic resources, it is vital to its economy and to the livelihood of its residents that a sustainable supply of fisheries is maintained. In a study¹ conducted by the Jose Rizal Memorial State University, however, the growing population of Liloy and other municipalities who are heavily dependent on fishing in the Sindangan Bay will put pressure on the supply of fisheries if no alternative livelihood sources are made available or if no measures to increase the supply of fisheries are undertaken.

Thus, this bill seeks to establish a multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Liloy in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte. A multi-species hatchery will not only address the decreasing supply of fish and other marine products in the Sindangan Bay but will also contribute to the economic development and poverty alleviation in the Municipality of Liloy. Furthermore, it will promote the policy of the State under the Constitution to provide support to such fishermen through appropriate technology and research, adequate financial, production, and marketing assistance, and other services.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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¹ Baseline Study for Jose Dalman, Leon Postigo, Liloy, Salug, and Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte under the Regional Fisheries Livelihoods Programme for South and Southeast Asia: Philippines

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF LILOY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

Be it enacted by the Senate and the 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 multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Lilooy, Province of Zamboanga del Norte.

SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery, the BFAR-DA shall conduct a full-scale feasibility study in support of its construction to comply with the requirements of the Department of Budget and Management.

Within two (2) years after the construction of the multi-species marine hatchery, the BFAR-DA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local government of the Municipality of Lilooy. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the multi-species hatchery.

SEC. 3. The BFAR-DA 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 technologies that will enhance the fishing industry.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Lilooy, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation,

monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the multi-species marine hatchery to the local government of the Municipality of Liloy.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,