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HOUSE BILL NO. 5162



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JEYZEL VICTORIA C. YU** and
REPRESENTATIVE DIVINA GRACE C. YU

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Tabina, Province of Zamboanga del Sur.

The Constitution mandates the State to provide support to fisherfolks through appropriate technology and research, adequate financial production, and marketing assistance.

The Municipality of Tabina is the southernmost part of Zamboanga del Sur, facing the area wherein the waters of Illana Bay flows out to the Moro Gulf. Its coastal waters have long been a known source of various kinds of fishes and different marine species.

The establishment of the hatchery in the Municipality of Tabina would contribute a significant role in sustaining food supply and security not only in the Province of Zamboanga del Sur but also in Mindanao region. Ultimately, it would also give employment opportunities for local residents.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF TABINA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, 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 multi species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Tabina, Province of Zamboanga del Sur.

SECTION 2. The BFAR-DA shall within two (2) years after the construction of the multi-species marine hatchery, transfer the management of the same to the local government unit concerned through a memorandum of agreement. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the establishment of the multi-purpose marine hatchery in the Municipality of Tabina, Province of Zamboanga del Sur, the funding of which shall be included in the annual 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.

SECTION 4. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, monitoring, transfer, or withdrawal by the BFAR of the multi-species marine hatchery.

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

Approved,