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Explanatory Note

The proposed establishment of a multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Pontevedra, Province of Capiz, holds great promise for bolstering the local economy in this renowned seafood hub of the Philippines.

Once approved, this initiative would empower the Province of Capiz to provide various fish species to businesses, fish ponds, fish farms, and other enterprises with a substantial demand for fish and related products.

The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, operating under the Department of Agriculture, will impart technical expertise, systems, and operational guidelines to the local government unit. Subsequently, control of the hatchery will be transferred to the local government unit. This progressive approach ensures that the LGU gains the necessary skills and knowledge, guaranteeing the hatchery's success.

In light of these considerations, we earnestly request the passage of this bill.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PONTEVEDRA, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ, 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 multispecies marine hatchery in the Municipality of Pontevedra, Province of Capiz.

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

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include the Department's programs the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Pontevedra, Province of Capiz, 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.

SEC. 4. 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 management of the multi-species marine hatchery to the local government of Pontevedra.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,