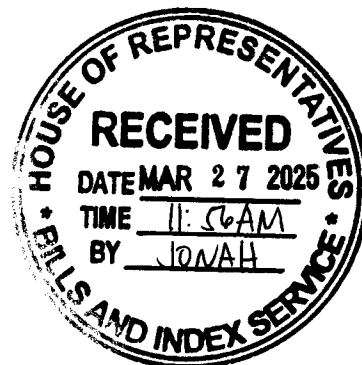




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

As a peninsular province, Bataan depends highly on its coastal zones and resources. It is home to many small- and large-scale fishery industries, primarily fish processing, brackish water aquaculture, and marine capture fisheries. Countless fisherfolk and their families depend on these fishery industries for their livelihood.

The proposed establishment of a multi-species marine hatchery in Municipality of Pilar is envisioned to bring in suitable technology and research that will help optimize the productivity of the fishing grounds in Bataan and preserve the long-term sustainability of its aquatic and marine resources.

With increased productivity, the measure equally envisages greater income generation thereby alleviating the productivity of local fisherfolks.

In view of the foregoing, support for this measure is earnestly sought from my colleagues.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

- 1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of
2 Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (DA-BFAR), a
3 multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Pilar, Province of Bataan.
- 4 **SEC. 2.** Prior to the establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery, the DA-
5 BFAR shall conduct a full-scale feasibility study in support of its construction to
6 comply with the requirements of the Department of Budget and Management.
- 7 Within two (2) years after the construction of the multi-species marine hatchery,
8 the DA-BFAR, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its
9 management to the local government of the Municipality of Pilar. It shall implement
10 a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the
11 management and operation of the hatchery.
- 12 **SEC. 3.** The DA-BFAR shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on
13 the breeding and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local
14 conditions, to discover new methods and technologies that will enhance the fishing
15 industry.

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1 **SEC. 4.** The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs
2 the conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the multi-
3 species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Pilar, Province of Bataan, the
4 funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act. The local
5 government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue
6 in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

7 **SEC. 5.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of
8 Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation,
9 monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the management of the multi-species
10 marine hatchery to the local government of the Municipality of Pilar, Province of
11 Bataan.

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

14 *Approved.*

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