



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7533

BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLAFUERTE (L.R.), VILLAFUERTE (M.L.), HORIBATA AND ENCISO, PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 418

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
LIBMANAN, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, 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 Fisheries
2 and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture (DA-BFAR), a multi-species marine
3 hatchery in the Municipality of Libmanan, Province of Camarines Sur.

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

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

12 SEC. 3. The DA-BFAR shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on the
13 breeding and production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover
14 new methods and technologies that will enhance the fishing industry.

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

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

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

Approved,