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BY REPRESENTATIVE AMATONG

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and 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 Sibuco, 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 Sibuco. 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 Sibuco, 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 Sibuco.

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,