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House Bill No. **2329**

Introduced by Representative **ROMEO S. MOMO, SR.**

AN ACT ESTABLISHING FRESHWATER FISH HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

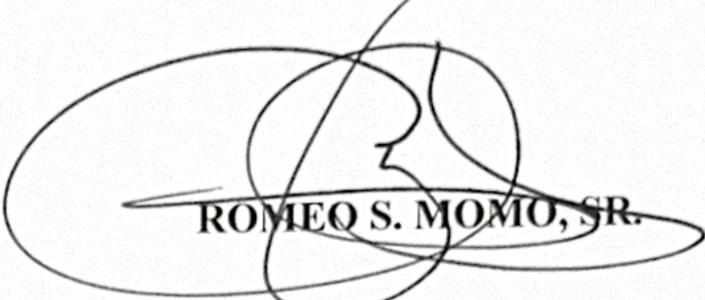
Explanatory Note

The 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, “*The State shall promote a just and dynamic order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that will promote full employment, opportunities and improved quality of life for all.*” This measure is a major step towards the fulfillment of this mandate.

A freshwater aquaculture is intended to be established in the Municipality of San Miguel in Surigao del Sur. The municipalities of Tago and San Miguel in Surigao del Sur are blessed with bodies of water teeming with freshwater produce. With this, the provincial government has capitalized in developing aquaculture industry in various municipalities of the province to intensify and develop an approach towards innovative propagation of its freshwater resources. The provincial government aims to increase fresh water fish production by promoting fish cage and fish pond technology. With this program, fish farmers benefit from technical assistance and supply of quality fingerlings.

This initiative aims to improve the economic competitiveness of the province by maximizing its potential stakeholders in the grassroots—the fish farmers. Under the existing program of the agriculture sector in the province, the establishment of new strategic municipal hatcheries has helped meet farmers' needs. Hence, it is critically important to advance our agricultural ideals for research and breeding activities to further develop what has been started. The establishment of this Freshwater Aquaculture Center in San Miguel, Surigao del Sur is truly a necessity and a step to right direction to benefit the people of Surigao del Sur.

The immediate passage of this bill is hereby earnestly sought.



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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 freshwater fish hatchery
3 in the Municipality of San Miguel, Province of Surigao del Sur.

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

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9 Within two (2) years after the construction of the freshwater fish hatchery, the DA-BFAR
10 shall, through a memorandum of agreement, transfer its management to the local government of the
11 Municipality of San Miguel, Province of Surigao del Sur. It shall implement a training and phasing-
12 in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the hatchery.

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

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18 SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the
19 conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of the freshwater fish hatchery in
20 the Municipality of San Miguel, Province of Surigao del Sur, the funding of which shall be included
21 in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from

1 any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the
2 hatchery.

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4 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture
5 shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual
6 transfer of the management of the freshwater fish hatchery to the local government of the
7 Municipality of San Miguel, Province of Surigao del Sur.

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

Approved,