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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE
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APPRORIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Marine resources continue to be the main source of income and livelihood for Cebuanos who lives in the coastal municipalities of the province.

In order to improve fisheries and empower stakeholders especially the local fisherfolks, in this bill seeks the establish a multi-species marine hatchery in the municipality of Moalboal in the province of Cebu to, among its numerous objectives, streamline the impact of dwindling fish catch, coastal environment rapid degradation, the stagnation of aquaculture and unpredictable climatic condition causing diseases occurrence on cultured seaweed. It shall also serve as training facility that will showcase innovations that may be developed through years of operation.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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*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 multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Moalboal,
Province of Cebu.

SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall, within three (3) years after the
establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery transfer the management of
the same to the Cebu Technological University (CTU)- Moalboal Campus
through a memorandum of agreement. The BFAR-DA shall implement a
training and phasing-in program for CTU Moalboal Campus personnel on the
management and operation of the multi-species marine hatchery. In no case
shall be the BFAR-DA lose supervision over the multi-species marine hatchery.

1 The BFAR-DA and the CTU Moalboal Campus in Moalboal shall
2 conduct continuing research and experimentation on the breeding and
3 production of marine species, especially as they apply to local conditions, to
4 discover new methods and technology that shall benefit the fisheries industry.

5 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's
6 programs the establishment of the multi- species marine hatchery in the
7 Municipality of Moalboal, Province of Cebu, the funding of which shall be
8 included in the annual General Appropriation Act. The CTU- Moalboal
9 Campus in Moalboal shall likewise set aside funds from any available revenue
10 in an amount deemed appropriate for the continued operations of the hatchery.

11 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the
12 Department of Agriculture and the CTU- Moalboal Campus in Moalboal shall
13 jointly formulate and issue the implementing rules and regulations on the
14 establishment, supervision, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the
15 management of the multi-species marine hatchery to the CTU- Moalboal
16 Campus in Moalboal.

17 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
18 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspapers of general circulation.

19 Approved,