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EXPLANATORY NOTE  

This proposed legislation seeks to establish a multi-purpose fishery breeding farm and hatcheries in the Municipalities of Leyte, Calubian and Villaba, Province of Leyte.  

The agricultural areas in said municipalities are mostly devoted to rice, corn and coconut production. While in the past, fishing was an alternative source of income, the same, out of government neglect, can no longer be relied upon by fishermen. Establishment of fish hatcheries, especially in these municipalities, has become necessary.  

It is on the basis of the foregoing that approval of the bill is earnestly sought.  

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-PURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARM AND HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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), multi-purpose fishery breeding stations and hatcheries for the production and multiplication of fish and shellfish in the Municipalities of Calubian, Leyte, and Villaba, all in the Province of Leyte.

SECTION 2. The BFAR-DA shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on fish and shellfish culture, especially as they apply to local conditions; and to discover new methods that will upgrade and enhance the quality of fisheries production.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department of Agriculture’s programs the immediate establishment of the multipurpose fishery breeding farm and hatchery herein mandated. Henceforth, funds for their operation and upkeep of needed facilities shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

The local governments of the Municipalities of Leyte, Calubian, and Villaba, Province of Leyte, shall set aside from any available local revenue such amounts as may be appropriate to support the operation of the multi-purpose fishery breeding farm and hatchery.

SECTION 4. The BFAR-DA shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations to implement this Act within sixty (60) days from effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.