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Introduced by the Rep. Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CATALINA, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS 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 (BFAR-DA), a multi-species marine
3 hatchery in the Municipality of Sta. Catalina, Province of Ilocos Sur.

4 SEC. 2. The BFAR-DA shall transfer the management of the multi-species marine hatchery
5 to the local government of Sta. Catalina within two (2) years after its construction through a
6 memorandum of agreement. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local
7 government personnel on the management and operation of the multi-species marine hatchery.

8 SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department’s program the
9 establishment of the multi-species marine hatchery in the Municipality of Sta. Catalina, Province of
10 Ilocos Sur, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The
11 local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenue in an
12 amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the hatchery.

13 Sec. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture
14 shall issue, the rules and regulations on the supervision and monitoring, and the transfer or
15 withdrawal by the BFAR, of the multi-species marine hatchery.

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

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