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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIII Section 7 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that, "The State shall protect the rights of subsistence fishermen, especially of local communities, to the preferential use of local marine and fishing resources, both inland and offshore. It shall provide support to such fishermen through appropriate technology and research, adequate financial, production, and marketing assistance, and other services. The State shall also protect, develop, and conserve such resources. The protection shall extend to offshore fishing grounds of subsistence fishermen against foreign intrusion. Fishworkers shall receive a just share from their labor in the utilization of marine and fishing resources."

This bill seeks to establish a multi-purpose fishery breeding farm and hatchery for the production of milkfish (bangus) in the Municipality of Carmen and in the Island Garden City of Samal (IGACOS), Province of Davao del Norte, to address the growing nutritional and economic needs, and ensure long-term food security of the people of Davao del Norte.

The establishment of these hatcheries shall improve the economy by providing employment opportunities and livelihood support to fisherfolks, and by drawing in tourists to the province, as these hatcheries shall be considered and promoted as ecotourism sites. Furthermore, this proposal shall also serve as a tool in addressing the food security concerns of the country as a whole.

In view thereof, the immediate passage of this measure is then earnestly sought.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-PURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARM AND HATCHERY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF MILKFISH (BANGUS) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN AND IN THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL (IGACOS), PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) of the Department of Agriculture (DA), a multi-purpose breeding farm and hatchery for the production of milkfish (bangus) in the Municipality of Carmen, and in the Island Garden City of Samal (IGACOS), Province of Davao del Norte.

SEC. 2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) of the Department of Agriculture (DA) shall conduct continuing research and experimentation on "bangus" culture, especially as they apply to local conditions, to discover new methods and technologies that will improve the fishing industry.

SEC. 3. The Department of Agriculture (DA) and its related agencies shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the establishment and operation of a multi-purpose fishery breeding farm and hatchery for the production of milkfish (bangus) in the Municipality of Carmen and in the Island Garden City of Samal (IGACOS), Province of Davao del Norte.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

