

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. **2822**



Introduced by Honorable Catalino V. Figueroa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for the renovation and reconstruction of the seawalls along the coast of the Maqueda Bay near Piers 1 and 2 in the Municipality of Catbalogan, Province of Samar as protective barriers for watercrafts anchored at the said piers of the municipality.

Piers 1 and 2 in the Municipality of Catbalogan are the regular docking areas of various sizes of fishing and transport boats and other watercrafts servicing the island municipalities and coastal *barangays* of the Province of Samar. While being blessed with rich marine resources, the municipality's fishing and sea transport industries are practically paralyzed for four months each year due to big and rampaging waves carried by the northeast monsoon winds. During inclement weather, sea crafts, many of which are small fishing boats that dock at the piers for safety, are oftentimes unable to escape the brunt of nature's fury. This is due to the deteriorating stage of the protective seawalls to break giant rampaging waves approaching the piers. Wear and tear and the lack of political will by the past congressional representative have made the existing seawalls almost idle and unusable. Unless proper remedies are immediately instituted, lives and properties of the people will always be in grave danger.

In view thereof, it is necessary that the protective seawalls near Piers 1 and 2 in the Municipality of Catbalogan be immediately renovated and reconstructed to protect the near areas from high tide and strong devastating waves.

In the light of the foregoing, support for, and early approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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THE SEAWALLS NEAR PIERS 1 AND 2 ALONG THE COAST OF MAQUEDA
BAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATBALOGAN, PROVINCE OF SAMAR AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be renovated and reconstructed, under the direct supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways, the seawalls near Piers 1 and 2 in the Municipality of Catbalogan, Province of Samar.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Public Works and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the repair and maintenance of the seawalls shall be included in the annual budget of the Municipality of Catbalogan.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,