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Quezon City, Metro Manila**

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House Bill No. 2882

Introduced by Honorable Catalino V. Figueroa

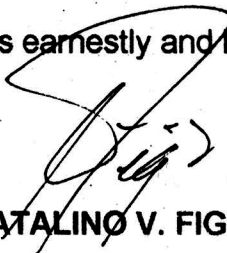
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to develop the fisheries and aquatic resources in each of the fourteen (14) municipalities with shoreline in the 2nd District of the Province of Samar namely: Basey, Calbiga, Catbalogan, Daram, Jiabong, Marabut, Motiong, Paranas, Pinabacdao, San Sebastian, Sta. Rita, Talalora, Villareal and Zumarraga.

Eastern Visayas has rich, unharnessed marine resources that can be a good source of livelihood for those in the region. The richness of the marine resources of the Visayas Sea can be attributed to its proximity to the Pacific Ocean. The currents flowing from the Pacific Ocean bring to the Visayas Sea several species of commercial fishes, shellfishes and seaweeds. These have found their way into and inhabited the waters of Leyte and Samar. Despite the variety of edible aquatic life available, there is danger of its eventual depletion due to the unscientific and indiscriminate fishing practices which have hardly changed through generations.

This proposed bill is an initial step in a series of measures designed to maximize the harnessing of marine resources. Subsequent projects for the localities would be the establishment of an aquatic research and experimental breeding station in fourteen (14) of Samar's second district municipalities with shoreline, to study highly productive and compatible varieties of fish and other scientific methods of fishing without necessarily depleting the areas' resources.

In view thereof, approval of this bill is earnestly and highly recommended.



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**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FISHERIES AND AQUATIC
RESOURCES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BASEY, CALBIGA,
CATBALOGAN, DARAM, JIABONG, MARABUT, MOTIONG, PARANAS,
PINABACDAO, SAN SEBASTIAN, STA. RITA, TALALORA VILLAREAL AND
ZUMARRAGA, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF SAMAR AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. The fisheries and aquatic resources in each of fourteen (14) municipalities with shoreline of the Province of Samar namely: Basey, Calbiga, Catbalogan, Daram, Jiabong, Marabut, Motiong, Paranas, Pinabacdao, San Sebastian, Sta. Rita, Talalora, Villareal and Zumarraga under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Agriculture under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continued development of the fisheries and aquatic resources shall be included in the annual budget of the local government concerned.

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

Approved,