



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



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House Bill No. 4129

Introduced by Honorable Roger G. Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the construction of St. Bernard Port in Southern Leyte.

Southern Leyte is a coastal area bounded on the east by the Pacific Ocean, on the west by the Camote Sea and on the south by the Sogod Bay. It is characterized by relatively flat lands along the coastal areas where its population congregates. It and is blessed with numerous rivers.

This topographical characteristic makes Southern Leyte a convenient commercial and trading center in the Southern Philippines. Likewise, the condition of its shorelines is ideal for shipping and commercial trade.

There is, therefore, an imperative need for the construction of the San Juan Port and such other support facilities which shall enhance the development, not only of the fishing industry and other sea transactions, but the province as a whole.

The construction of a Port within the area will also generate much needed employment opportunities for the people therein and promote investor confidence in the province. It will also help facilitate and boost the economic development of Southern Leyte.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is highly recommended.

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ST. BERNARD PORT
IN SOUTHERN LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR.

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

SEC. 1. There shall be constructed, under the supervision of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), a sea port in the Province of Southern Leyte to be known as the St. Bernard Port.

SEC. 2. The Philippine Ports Authority shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the construction of the St. Bernard Port shall be charged to the appropriation for the Philippine Ports Authority

under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its repair and maintenance shall be included in the annual budget of the local government unit concerned.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,