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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4495



Introduced by HON. MA. AMELITA CALIMBAS-VILLAROSA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a school of fisheries in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Occidental Mindoro to be known as the Occidental Mindoro College of Fisheries.

A significant percentage of the population of the province of Occidental Mindoro, particularly in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz and its neighboring towns, depend primarily on fishing as their means of livelihood. This proposed school of fisheries will endeavor to train them with the scientific approaches to fishing that will maximize their productivity as well as inculcate the equally important responsibility of preserving ecological balance.

In the midst of rising prices of prime commodities and public utilities the best way to alleviate the plight of our less privileged brethren would be to provide them a leg to stand on by affording ready access to education and technology. Indeed, the timeless adage speaks universal truth -

*Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day;
Teach him how to fish and you feed him for life.*

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

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MA. AMELITA CALIMBAS-VILLAROSA

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL OF FISHERIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, TO BE
KNOWN AS THE OCCIDENTAL MINDORO COLLEGE OF FISHERIES,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. A school of fisheries shall be established in Sitio Baclaran, Barangay Pinagturilan, Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Occidental Mindoro to be known as the Occidental Mindoro College of Fisheries.

SECTION 2. The Occidental Mindoro College of Fisheries shall offer all relevant courses on fisheries and marine science.

SECTION 3. The Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education is hereby authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary to organize said College accordingly.

SECTION 4. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged from the appropriations of the Commission on Higher Education under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the efficient operation and maintenance of the College shall be included in the annual appropriations of the said Commission.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,