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House Bill No. 5835



Introduced by Honorable Florencio L. Vargas

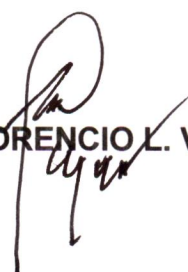
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill is intended to improve the standard of living of a portion of the local population of the concerned municipality in the shorelines of northwestern Cagayan composing the second legislative district of the province. The Municipality of Abulug is along the shores of the Babuyan Channel, a rich fishing ground for the fisher-folks of northern Cagayan as well as the residents of the Babuyan islands.

The primitive and even destructive practices of the fishermen in that municipality and in the neighboring towns and islands and their lack of scientific knowledge in the maintenance, preservation, and conservation of marine resources, while exploiting them, have endangered or are leading to the destruction of the only means of livelihood of the fishing families. Moreover, the attitudes of the young generation, growing up to become the successors in the trade of their fishermen-parents, are being shaped by this current lack of knowledge and easy-but-destructive ways of fishing.

It is the duty of the government to initiate and provide the way for these occupational maladies among the fishing population to be overcome. The establishment of fishery and fishing center in the Municipality of Abulug will benefit the fishermen not only in the aforementioned town but also in the neighboring shore-towns of Ballesteros, Pamplona, Sanchez Mira, Claveria, Sta. Paxedes, and the Babuyan islands, and even the Aparri in the First District of Cagayan.

Approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISHERY RESEARCH CENTER IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ABULUG IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF CAGAYAN AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture, a fishery and research center in each of the municipality of Abulug, in the province of Cagayan.

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 operation and maintenance of the fishery and research centers shall be charged to the annual budget of the local government concerned.

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

Approved,