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Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6516



Introduced by Representative **MA. AMELITA A. CALIMBAS - VILLAROSA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for the construction of solar pavement dryer for seaweeds, fish, squid and other marine products in the Municipality of Abra de Ilog, Province of Occidental Mindoro.

The Province of Occidental Mindoro, dubbed as the "Marine Wonderland of Luzon," has abundant supply of fishes and other marine resources which provide food and livelihood to the people. However, there is a need for pavement dryers in its municipalities in order for them to preserve and dry their catch.

We are pushing for the modernization of the agricultural sector to improve on the quantity of fish harvests and to reduce post-harvest losses especially on fish drying in every municipality. In order for us to promote agricultural development and growth, our fishermen need support through this post-harvest production facility. This will contribute to food security and sufficiency while giving the fishermen better income opportunity and encouragement to produce more catch.

Pursuant to the government's policy to increase productivity in different regions of the country, the construction of solar pavement dryer for seaweeds, fish and other marine products in the Municipality of Abra de Ilog, Province of Occidental Mindoro is hereby sought.

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FISH, SQUID AND OTHER MARINE PRODUCTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABRA DE ILOG,
PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be constructed, under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways, a solar pavement dryer for seaweeds, fish, and other marine products in the Municipality of Abra de Ilog, Province of Occidental Mindoro.

SECTION 2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulation for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary for the construction of the solar pavement dryer for seaweeds, fish and other marine products shall be charged to the appropriations of Department of Agriculture under the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the repair and maintenance of the solar pavement dryer for seaweeds, fish and other marine products shall be included in the annual budget of the Department of Agriculture Provincial Field Office of Occidental Mindoro.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.