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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1457**



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**INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE XAVIER JESUS "XJ" D. ROMUALDO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This proposed measure seeks to establish a small scale fish port in Yumbing, Mambajao, Camiguin. Yumbing is one of the larger coastal barangays in the Province of Camiguin. Most of those who reside there are fisherfolk who rely on the fish and marine resources in the waters in and around the area for their livelihood.

The establishment and operation of a fish port in Yumbing, even if merely small scale, will surely have a profound impact on Camiguin, which is a fifth class province. It will stimulate the local economy and provide new economic opportunities for residents of Yumbing and nearby barangays. It will ensure a steady and readily available supply of fish and marine products for consumers in Camiguin. It will bring in additional revenue for the local governments units concerned. Likewise, it will strengthen the food security programs of the provincial and municipal governments of Camiguin and Mambajao, respectively.

The late Representative Pedro P. Romualdo introduced this proposed measure in the Fifteenth Congress. It was referred to and studied by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and its substitute bill, House Bill No. 1994, was approved on third reading on May 23, 2011 and was transmitted to the Senate on May 31, 2011. However, it would seem that the Senate failed to take action on the matter. Thus, the early approval of this bill is earnestly sought so that the present Congress may act on the matter with dispatch.

  
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**AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING A SMALL SCALE FISHPORT IN BARANGAY YUMBING,  
MUNICIPALITY OF MAMBAJAO, PROVINCE OF CAMIGUIN AND PROVIDING  
FUNDS THEREOF**

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

Section 1. There shall be established a small scale fishport with an ice and cold storage and drying facilities in Barangay Yumbing, Municipality of Mambajao, Province of Camiguin under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture in coordination with the Provincial Government of Camiguin.

Section 2. The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the funding requirements for the establishment of the said fish port. The Philippine Fisheries and Development Authority shall likewise provide technical and auxiliary support in the operation of the said fish port.

The local government units concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenues in an amount deemed appropriate for its operationalization.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.