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EXPLANATORY NOTE

No less than the Constitution itself provides that "the State shall protect the rights of subsistence fishermen and provide support through appropriate technology and research, adequate financial, production, and marketing assistance, and other services" (Section 7, Article XIII).

This bill seeks to establish a Fish port in Barangay Gil Sanchez, Municipality of Labason in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte. Its construction in the said Barangay is feasible because of its rich marine resources and that most of those who reside there are smalltime fisherfolk who rely on fish and marine resources in the waters in and around the area for their livelihood and daily subsistence.

Further the said fish port is not only expected to provide a simplified and organized trading, it will as well facilitate the easy handling of fishery products right from its source down to the middlemen and to the consumers. Lastly, it will provide new economic opportunities for residents of Barangay Gil Sanchez which based on a data published by the National Statistics Board (NSCB) has 40% of its household with income below the poverty threshold.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A FISHPORT IN BARANGAY GIL SANCHEZ,
MUNICIPALITY OF LABASON, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL
NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture, through the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) a Fish port in Barangay Gil Sanchez, Municipality of Labason in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte.

SECTION 2. The Department of Agriculture through the PFDA, shall formulate the rules and regulation necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the construction of the said fish port, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The Local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenues in an amount deemed for its operationalization.

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

Approved,