

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. **5625**

Introduced by Representative Ruby M. Sahali

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In acknowledgment of the intents and purposes of the previous authors of this House Bill in the Fifteenth Congress, this Bill seeks to establish a Trading Centre for marine and agricultural products in all suitable areas in the Province of Tawi-Tawi. In order to improve the economic conditions of the fisherfolks and farmers in the Province, it is imperative to have a Center for Trading that will give access to all traders in selling their marine and agricultural products directly to foreign and national vessels trading within the boundaries of the Sulu-Sulawesi Seas, particularly in coastal areas of Tawi-Tawi where boats can easily dock to load and off-load their products. Moreover, Tawi-Tawi hosts the international sea lane of the Sibutu-Bongao Channel, the Celebes Sea, and the Sulu-Sulawesi Seas.

It is sought that this Bill is approved.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A TRADING CENTER FOR MARINE AND AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS IN ALL SUITABLE AREAS IN THE PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Short Title: This Act shall be known as the **“Tawi-Tawi Trading Centre for Marine and Agricultural Products”**.

SECTION 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations: Upon effectivity of this Act, there shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture, a Trading Centre for marine and agricultural products in all suitable areas in the Province of Tawi-Tawi.

SECTION 3. Appropriations: 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 maybe necessary for the operation and maintenance of the trading centre shall be included in the annual budget of the local government concerned.

SECTION 3. Effectivity: This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette on in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,