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HOUSE BILL NO. 7211



Introduced by Representative Diego "Nonoy" C. Ty

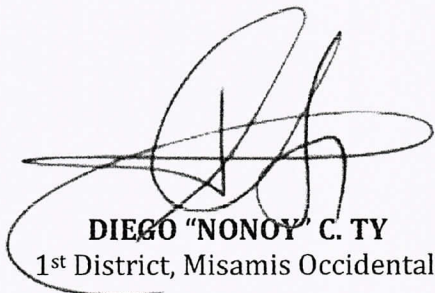
EXPLANATORY NOTE

As an archipelago, our country is blessed with a coastline that stretch to 36, 289 kilometers making it one of the longest and most abundant in the world when it comes to marine resources. It is assessed that more than sixty percent (60%) of our total population live in coastal zones wherein fisheries and marine resources constitute as major sources of livelihood.

The City of Oroquieta, capital of the Province of Misamis Occidental, is one of the major coastal localities in the country. With its rich marine resources, the place is considered as a major fishing hub, providing sources of livelihood for the people and ensuring food security in the province. To further utilize and manage this natural strong point, it is crucial that we also invest in pertinent infrastructure and facilities, human resources and management concepts.

This bill, therefore, seeks to establish a fish port and fish processing facilities in the City of Oroquieta. Once realized, this will provide local fishing vessels and fisherfolks access to essential amenities, equipment and services, especially when it comes to efficiently landing their catch and safely linking them to consumers—all geared towards the upliftment of their lives as well as the development of the fishing sector in the region and the country as a whole.

It is also worth noting that a similar bill was filed and approved by this august chamber in the 17th Congress, however, the Senate, for lack of material time, failed to act on it. It is in the aforementioned reasons that the approval of this bill is earnestly sought in the 18th Congress.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT AND FISH PROCESSING FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF
OROQUIETA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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, through the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), a fish port and fish processing facilities in the City of Oroquieta, Province of Misamis Occidental.

SEC. 2. Within two (2) years after the construction of the fish port and fish processing facilities, the PFDA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local government unit concerned. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the fish port and fish processing facilities.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the fish port and fish processing facilities, 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 revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the fish port and fish processing facilities.

SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations in the supervision and monitoring, and the transfer or withdrawal by the PFDA of the fish port and processing facilities.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,