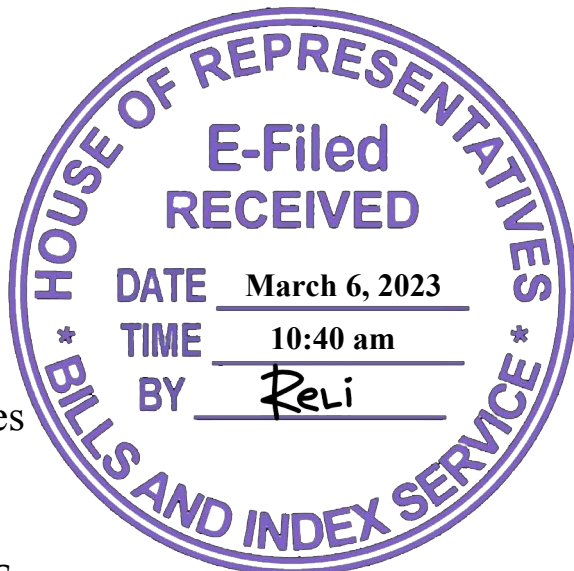




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House Bill No. **7418**

Introduced by Representative TEODORICO “NONONG” T. HARESCO, JR.

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NABAS,
PROVINCE OF AKLAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The fishing industry is an important contributor to the Philippine economy, and establishing more fish ports help promote the development of this industry. Fish ports provide necessary infrastructure to support the processing, storage, and distribution of fish products, which can improve the efficiency and profitability of the industry.

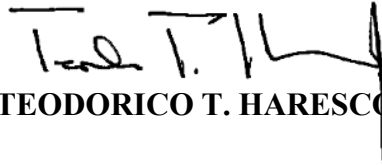
Aklan’s strategic location on the northern coast of Panay Island, which is known for its rich fishing grounds along the Sibuyan Sea and the Visayan Sea, makes it an ideal location for a fish port, as it can easily serve as a hub for the fishing industry in the region.

The Municipality of Nabas in the Province of Aklan offers great opportunities for livelihood and economic development with regard to its existing fishing industry. Establishing a fish port in Nabas can help support its local fisherfolk and further develop this industry by providing necessary infrastructure to improve the efficiency and profitability of the local fishing industry.

This bill seeks to establish a fish port in the Municipality of Nabas, in the Second District of Aklan. The proposed fish port is expected to generate economic activity by creating job opportunities for local residents, as well as providing a hub for the processing and distribution of fish products in the region.

It is the hope of this measure that the established fish port can support sustainable fishing practices by providing facilities for the proper handling and storage of fish products, as well as implementing measures to monitor and regulate fishing activities in the region. The increased economic activity brought about by the fish port can contribute to the development of the region, and the country as a whole. Moreover, it ensures a stable and consistent supply of fresh fish products, which will help meet the nutritional needs of local communities.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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16 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
17 *Congress assembled:*
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19 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** - This Act shall be known as the “*Nabas Fish Port Act*”.
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21 **SECTION 2. *Establishment of Fish Port.*** – There shall be established, under the supervision
22 of the Department of Agriculture, through the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority
23 (PFDA), a fish port in the Municipality of Nabas, Province of Aklan.
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25 **SECTION 3. *Management.*** – Within two (2) years after the construction of the fish port, the
26 PFDA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer its management to the local
27 government unit concerned. It shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local
28 government personnel on the management and operation of the fish port.
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30 **SECTION 4. *Funding.*** – The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department’s
31 programs the establishment of the fish port, the funding of which shall be included in the annual
32 General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set said funds from
33 any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the
34 fish port.
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36 **SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the passage
37 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision
38 and monitoring, and the transfer or withdrawal by the PFDA of the fish port.
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40 **SECTION 6. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
41 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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43 *Approved,*