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HOUSE BILL NO. 3382



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our fisherfolk sector has been contributing to our economic development up to this date. However, in spite of their economic importance, provided that they supply our daily sustenance and export seafood to our neighboring countries, there is still a glaring inadequacy in the number of our municipal fishing ports. Fish ports are established to ensure that once seafood is caught, they will be legally and efficiently transported, stored and preserved in a facility before they are sold or distributed to distant markets. These fish ports are our portal to fresh catch daily.

The Province of Camarines Sur has numerous regional fish ports, yet, the region still feels that there is a need to establish municipal fish ports to prioritize localities where there is greater inter-municipal usage potential, especially the entire region is surrounded by bodies of water that serves as its fishing grounds.

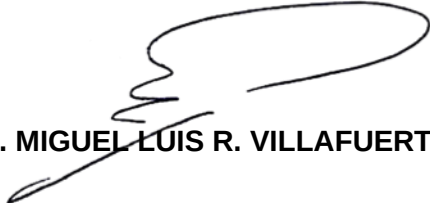
For instance, the Municipality of Minalabac is a coastal municipality whose source of income heavily relies on fishing as it is near the Ragay Gulf, which makes it a viable candidate for its own municipal fishing port.

The study of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies of fishing ports in the country suggests that the national government should prioritize the building of new ports in municipalities that have no ports yet. In order to push fishing port development in the country, this bill proposes the establishment of a fish port in Minalabac in the phasing-in Camarines Sur. Further, this bill proposes to implement a training and program for local government personnel in order to uphold proper environment management.

The approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MINALABAC, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR 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 in the Municipality of Minalabac, Camarines Sur.

SECTION 2. - Within two (2) years after the construction of the fish port, 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.

SECTION 3. - The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of the fish port, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set said funds from any available local revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the fish port.

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

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

Approved,