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**HOUSE BILL NO. 4169**



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Introduced by **ATTY. MARLO C. BANCORO**  
First District, Zamboanga Sibugay

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

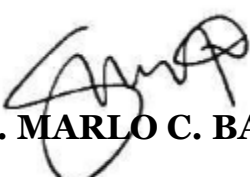
The Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, situated in the heart of Zamboanga Peninsula, is endowed with abundant marine resources that serve as one of the main sources of livelihood for its people. Fishing and aquaculture remain a backbone of its local economy, providing food security, employment, and income for thousands of families, particularly in the coastal communities.

Despite this advantage, the fisheries sector in the province continues to face serious challenges in post-harvest handling, storage, and distribution of fish and other marine products. The absence of adequate fish port facilities, coupled with the lack of ice plants and cold storage, has resulted in significant post-harvest losses, lower income for fisherfolk, and limited market competitiveness. These constraints hinder the full potential of the fishing industry, particularly in the municipalities of Alicia, Malangas, and Olutanga, where fishing is a primary livelihood.

Establishing a fish port with ice plant and cold storage facility in these municipalities will address these challenges by providing proper landing and handling amenities to preserve the quality and freshness of fish; ensuring availability of ice and cold storage to reduce post-harvest losses; improving market access and competitiveness of marine products; generating jobs and boosting local economic activities; and supporting food security and sustainable fisheries management in the province.

This measure also aligns with the government's thrust to modernize the fisheries sector, uplift the living conditions of fisherfolk, and strengthen food supply chains across the country. By establishing strategically located fish ports with supporting facilities, we invest in infrastructure that will not only sustain the local economy but also contribute to national development and food security.

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

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT WITH ICE PLANT AND COLD STORAGE**  
**FACILITY IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALICIA, MALANGAS, AND**  
**OLUTANGA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, 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 Alicia, Malangas and Olutanga Fish Ports Act of 2025”.

SEC. 2. **Establishment of Fish Port with Ice Plant and Cold Storage Facility.** - There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture through the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), a fish port with ice plant and cold storage facility in the Municipalities of Alicia, Malangas and Olutanga, all in the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay.

SEC. 3. **Transfer of Administration and Operation of Fish Ports to Local Government Units Concerned.** – Within two (2) years after the construction of the fish ports, the PFDA, through a memorandum of agreement, shall transfer their management to the local government units concerned. Further, the PFDA shall implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel on the management and operation of the fish ports.

SEC. 3. **Appropriations.** – 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 units concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenues in an amount deemed appropriate for its operationalization.

SEC. 4. **Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within sixty days (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Agriculture, through the PFDA, shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision and monitoring, and the transfer or withdrawal by the PFDA to the LGU of the fish ports.

SEC. 5. **Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,