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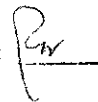
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Sasmuan is a fourth class municipality and is one of the oldest and major settlements in Pampanga during the 16th century. Its economy is mainly driven by aquaculture as it is surrounded by fish ponds. Along with the towns of Lubao, Guagua, Macabebe, Masantol and Sto. Tomas, Sasmuan completes the brackish component of Pampanga's Marine Highway that makes up 77% of the Province's 38,000 hectares aquaculture which produces tilapias, milkfishes, prawns and crabs.

As of the moment, our fisherfolks from Sasmuan had yet to enjoy the benefits of their harvests as they have a very low income due to lack of handling facilities such as ports and the absence of cold storage for harvest.

This bill seeks to establish a fish port and cold storage facility in Sasmuan, Pampanga which will greatly benefit not only the fisherfolks of the municipality but of the Province as well.

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


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FISH PORT AND COLD STORAGE FACILITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SASMUAN, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture through the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), a fish port and cold storage facility in the Municipality of Sasmuan, Province of Pampanga.

SEC. 2. The PFDA, in coordination with the local government unit concerned, shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's programs the establishment of said fish port and cold storage facility, 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 revenues in an amount deemed appropriate for its operationalization.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,