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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1283**

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**Introduced by HONORABLE LUIS RAYMUND F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Albeit being one of the most important economic sectors in the country, there is a glaring inadequacy in the number of our municipal fishing ports. Fish ports are critical in post-harvest facilities and serve as the main distribution centers for the nearby areas as well as for distant markets. As underutilization has been a major issue for regional ports, studies have suggested the construction of fish ports in the municipal level instead, giving priority to localities where there is greater inter-municipal usage potential.

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 San Fernando in the province of Camarines Sur. Further, this bill proposes to implement a training and phasing-in program for local government personnel in order to uphold proper environment management.

The approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
**LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.**

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO, 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 San Fernando, 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,*