EXPLANATORY NOTE

Fishing is a major source of livelihood in the Municipality of Macrohon, Southern Leyte particularly in the Barangay of Ichon. A fish port is necessary for the fishing industry of the said place to improve. Without a fish port, the fishing industry thereat will have difficulty in the conduct of their trade.

To address this issue, the establishment of a fish port is deemed necessary. The improvement of the fishing industry at the said place will also mean additional revenue for the government.

Therefore, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.

ROGER GAVIOLA MERCADO
AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN BARANGAY ICHON, MUNICIPALITY OF MACROHON, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE

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 Barangay Ichon, Municipality of Macrohon, Southern Leyte.

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 aside funds from any available revenue any amount deemed appropriate for the operation 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 regulation on the implementation of this Act.

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,