HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9534

BY REPRESENTATIVE MERCADO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1023

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAINT BERNARD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, 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 Saint Bernard, Province of Southern Leyte.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department’s programs the establishment of the fish port in the Municipality of Saint Bernard, Province of Southern Leyte, 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 revenue in an amount deemed appropriate for the operationalization of the fish port.

SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue the rules and regulations on the supervision, operation, monitoring, and the eventual transfer of the fish port to the local government of Saint Bernard.

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

Approved,