

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **3624**



Introduced by Representative MARIA VIDA ESPINOSA BRAVO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish and strengthen a Multi One Stop Shop Maritime Economic Fishery Landing Sites in Ticao and Burias Islands, province of Masbate.

The Philippines is endowed with vast marine and coastal resources. Of the territorial waters, including the exclusive economic zone, a multi one stop shop maritime economic fishery landing site is important in ensuring and strengthening the food security program as initialized by the government. Hence, the same will provide appropriate infrastructure and facilities that will allow big numbers of small fishers' access to the landing site and cold storage that will enable them to benefit from higher value of fish products.

Pararell thereto, the participation of the Department of Agriculture (DA) particularly the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) will pursue a value chain approach regarding poverty situation in the fishery sector. Seaweed growing and processing, salt making, fish processing will be some of the value adding enterprises in which fishing households would be able to participate come the establishment of the said multi one stop shop.

Consequently, the Constitution explicitly provides that the State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate services, promote full employment and opportunities, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AND STRENGTHENING THE MULTI ONE STOP SHOP
MARITIME ECONOMIC FISHERY LANDING SITES IN TICA0 AND
BURIAS ISLANDS, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Title—There shall be known as the Ticao-Burias
Multi One Stop Shop Maritime Economic Fishery Landing Act of 2016

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy—It is hereby declared that the
State shall promote a dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and
independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that
provide adequate services, promote full employment and opportunities, a rising
standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

SECTION 3. Appropriations—The Secretary of the Department
of Agriculture (DA) shall immediately include in the Departments' program the
implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual
General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Interpretation—The provisions of this Act shall be
construed liberally in favor of achieving an upgraded economic status
corresponding to the Departments' rules and regulations and those not consistent
herewith shall be supplementary application in the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations—Ninety (90)
days after the effectivity of this Act, the DA, in consultation with BFAR shall
promulgate the implementing rules and regulations necessary to effectively
implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause—If any part of this Act is declared by the courts as unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or sections hereof and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause—All other laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act or any provision hereof are hereby repealed or are modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity Clause—This Act shall take effect (15) fifteen days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in (2) two newspapers of general circulation readily available and in around the scope identified herein. It shall likewise be posted in conspicuous places at the Municipal Halls of Batuan, San Fernando, San Jacinto, Monreal, Claveria and San Pascual, located in the islands of Ticao and Burias respectively and in the barangay hall where the landing sites will be located and in other places frequented by the public.

Approved,