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EXPLANATORY NOTE

No less than the Constitution itself provides that "the State shall protect the rights of subsistence fishermen, especially of local communities, to the preferential use of the communal marine and fishing resources, both inland and offshore. It shall provide support to such fishermen through appropriate technology and research, adequate financial, production and marketing assistance and other services..." (Sec.7, Art. XIII)

This bill seeks to establish a Fish Port in Barangay Gil Sanchez, Municipality of Labason in the Province of Zamboanga Del Norte. Its construction in the said Barangay is feasible because of its rich marine resources and that most of those who reside there are smalltime fisher folks who mainly rely on fish and marine resources in and around the area for their livelihood and daily subsistence.

The said Fish Port is not only expected to provide a simplified and organized trading but will facilitate easy handling of fishery products right from its sources down to the middlemen and to the consumers as well.

Further, it will provide new economic opportunities for residents of Barangay Gil Sanchez which, according to the data provided by the National Statistics Board, 40% of its household have an income below the poverty threshold.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A FISHPORT IN BARANGAY GIL SANCHEZ,**  
**MUNICIPALITY OF LABASON , PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE**  
**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 Barangay Gil Sanchez, Municipality of Labason in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte.

**SECTION 2.** The Department of Agriculture through the PFDA, shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the construction of the said fishport, 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 for its operations.

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

Approved.