## **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

H. No. 8457

## By Representative Nava, per Committee Report No. 649

## AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT WITH ICE PLANT AND COLD STORAGE FACILITIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NUEVA VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS, 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 with ice plant and cold storage facilities in the Municipality of Nueva Valencia, Province of Guimaras.

SEC. 2. Prior to the establishment of the fish port with ice plant and cold storage facilities, the PFDA shall conduct a full-scale feasibility study in support of its construction to comply with the requirements of the Department of Budget and Management.

Within two (2) years after the construction of the fish port with ice plant and cold storage facilities, 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 conduct of the feasibility study and the consequent establishment of a fish port with ice plant and cold storage facilities in the Municipality of Nueva Valencia, Province of Guimaras, the funding of which shall be included in the 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 passage 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 with ice plant and cold storage facilities to the local government of the Municipality of Nueva Valencia.

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,