



Republic of the Philippines  
**PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE**

City of Maasin

**Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan**

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CRISPIN M. ARONG, JR.	, Pursuant to Memorandum DILG Regional Office VIII: OMB V-C-13-0109 and OMB V-A-13-0112

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**RESOLUTION NO. 305-s.2021**

**A RESOLUTION INTERPOSING OBJECTION TO HOUSE BILL NO. 7853 FILED BY CONGRESSMAN PABLO JOHN F. GARCIA WHICH SEEKS TO AMEND SECTION 18 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, TO ALLOW COMMERCIAL FISHING WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL WATERS OR WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) KILOMETER AREA FROM THE MUNICIPAL WATERS**

**SPONSORED BY: HON. TEOPISTO C. ROJAS, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 8550, as amended by Republic Act No. 10654 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) mandated that no commercial fishing be allowed within fifteen (15) kilometers from seashore towards high seas;

**WHEREAS**, the intent and purpose of the law is that local government units has the power to manage, protect and conserve fisheries and aquatic resources within their respective municipal waters, more particularly for the benefit of the marginal fisherfolks who are directly dependent on these resources;

**WHEREAS**, in addition, the municipal fisherfolks have constitutionally granted preferential right to municipal waters and they contribute to food security, and it is the responsibility of the local governments to protect them and give them voice;

**WHEREAS**, during the pandemic, fishing in the municipal waters sustained the coastal communities and has been the source of their sustenance which contributed to less crimes because people had food to eat;

**WHEREAS**, FAO 266 will be a big boost to the capacity of the local government units to have a system to monitor, control, and surveillance of municipal waters as required by law and to ensure the enforcement of fisheries and coastal laws;

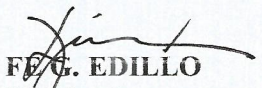
**WHEREFORE**, premises considered in consultation with the different local government units of the Province of Southern Leyte, there is a unity to interpose objection to propose House Bill No. 7854 that will amend Section 18 of Republic Act No. 8550, otherwise known as the Fisheries Code of 1988 s emended by Republic Act No. 10654;

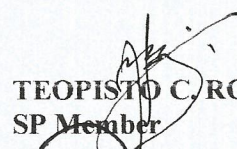
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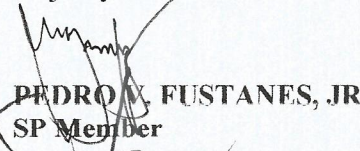
**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Southern Leyte, in session, to interpose objection to House Bill No 7853 filed by Congressman Pablo John F. Garcia which seeks to amend Section 18 of Republic Act No. 8550 and allow commercial fishing within the municipal waters or within fifteen (15) kilometer area from the municipal waters.

**ENACTED: APRIL 12, 2021**

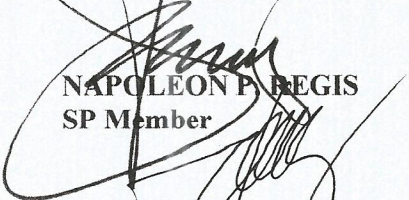
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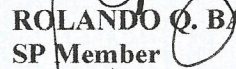
  
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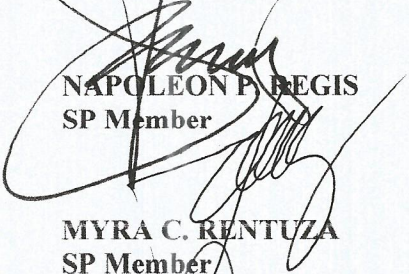
  
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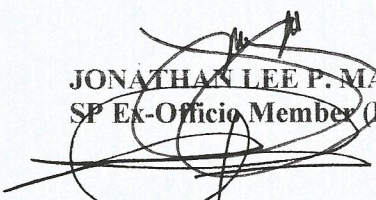
  
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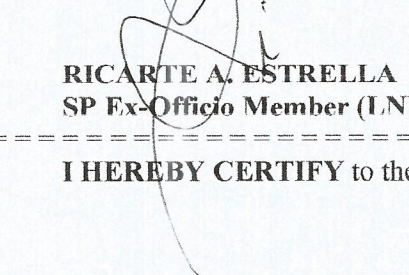
  
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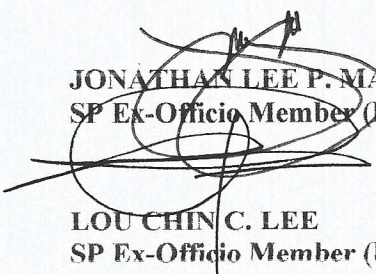
  
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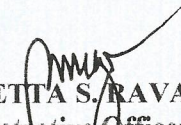
  
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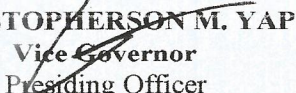
  
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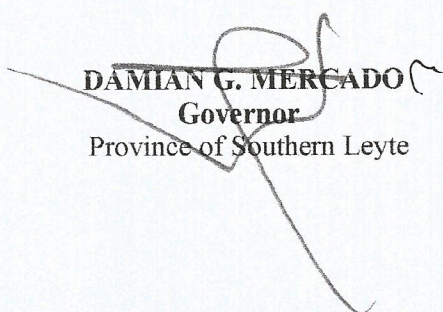
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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

  
**MARIETTA S. RAVAGO**  
Administrative Officer IV  
Acting SP Secretary

**ATTESTED:**

  
**CHRISTOPHERSON M. YAP**  
Vice Governor  
Presiding Officer

APPROVED: April 20, 2021

  
**DAMIAN G. MERCADO**  
Governor  
Province of Southern Leyte