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## SENATE S. B. No. <u>2180</u>

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# Introduced by Senator SONNY ANGARA

#### AN ACT

EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE PHILIPPINE AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (PADC) BY ANOTHER FIFTY (50) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 286, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A PHILIPPINE AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Aerospace Development Corporation (PADC) was established in 1973 by virtue of Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 286 as the government's arm for the development of the Philippine aviation industry with its main purpose centered on promoting self-reliance, national security and technology transfer.

Under its Charter, the PADC is mandated to undertake all manner of activity, business, or development projects to ensure a reliable aviation and aerospace industry that includes the following:

- 1. Design, assembly, manufacture and sale of all forms of aircrafts and aviation or aerospace devices, equipment or contraptions, studies or researches for innovations and improvements thereupon;
- 2. Development of local capabilities in maintenance, repair, overhaul (MRO), and modification of aerospace and associated flight and ground equipment and components thereof in order to provide technical services and overhaul support to government agencies owning aerospace equipment, the Philippine Air Force, foreign air forces, the national airline and foreign airline companies, and to the aviation industry in general; and
- 3. Operation and provision of air transport services, whether for cargo or passengers on a scheduled or charter basis, on domestic and/or international scale.

It should be noted that amendments to P.D. No. 286 were introduced subsequently to further empower the Corporation in achieving its objectives.

Over the years, PADC accomplished the development of the *PADC Defiant 300* and the *PADC Hummingbird*, which are proudly Filipino-made prototype aircrafts, including the assembly of several aircrafts of European firms, such *Messerchemitt Bolkow Blohm* (MBB) of Germany, *Pilatus Britten Norman* (PBN) of England, and *Agusta SIÁI Marchetti* of Italy among others. Further, PADC provides technical and logistical support to the aerial fleet of the government especially the major defense services as the Corporation serves as the procuring agent with respect to the aircraft goods and services of the Philippine Air Force (PAF), the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and the Philippine Navy (PN).

Considering new developments in the aviation and aerospace industry, and, most importantly, emerging external threats and geo-political tensions, the PADC's role in nation-building and national security has been made crucial and indispensable.

With PADC's corporate life set to expire on September 5, 2023, pursuant to Section 1 of P.D. No. 286, it is only proper to extend the same for another fifty (50) years by amending its Charter; thus, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 286, as amended, is hereby

2 further amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Creation of the Corporation. - There is hereby created a body 3 corporate and politic under the Office of the President of the Philippines to 4 5 be known as the Philippine Aerospace Development Corporation, hereinafter referred to as the Corporation, which shall be governed by this 6 7 Decree and its by-laws as authorized hereunder. [and shall have succession] THE CORPORATION SHALL EXIST for a period of fifty (50) 8 9 years from [and after] the date of approval of this Decree AND SHALL BE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER FIFTY (50) YEARS FROM THE 10 **EXPIRATION OF ITS ORIGINAL TERM ON 05 SEPTEMBER 2023.** 11

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The principal office of the Corporation shall be located in a place to be
 determined by the Board of Directors."

3 SEC. 2. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following
4 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
5 circulation.

Approved,

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