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*Introduced by Senators Revilla, Arroyo, Honasan, Lacson and Zubiri*

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**“SENATE RESOLUTION  
CLARIFYING THE TRUE INTENTION OF CONGRESS IN THE PROPER  
IMPLEMENTATION OF R. A. 9497 ALSO KNOWN AS “THE CIVIL AVIATION  
AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES”**

**WHEREAS**, Congress of the Philippines enacted Republic Act No. 9497 creating the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) to address the civil aviation problem of the Philippines and the downgrading of its status;

**WHEREAS**, the CAAP is mandated to have jurisdiction over the restructuring of the civil aviation system, the promotion, development and regulation of the technical, operational, safety, and aviation security functions;

**WHEREAS**, the law explicitly provided that by virtue R. A. 9497, a new office was created thereby abolishing the office of the Air Transportation Office (ATO) with all the powers, duties and rights vested by law and exercised by the ATO transferred to the new CAAP;

**WHEREAS**, Section 86 of RA 9497 subtitled: “*Transfer of Personnel of Air Transportation Office*”, provides for a hold-over status to the incumbent Assistant Secretary of the ATO until such time that a Director General who will head CAAP shall be appointed;

**WHEREAS**, all other personnel and officials affected by the abolition of ATO shall be given the option to avail themselves of the three (3) modes of retirement therein enumerated;

**WHEREAS**, Section 12 of R. A. 9497 states that qualified personnel of the ATO shall be given preference in the filling-up of plantilla positions created under the new CAAP;

**WHEREAS**, in determining the qualification of personnel, including those personnel from ATO, the provisions of the Qualifications Standard of the Civil Service Commissions (CSC) shall be observed;

**WHEREAS**, Section 18 of R. A. 9497, the Board of Directors shall have the power to determine the new schedule of salaries of the employees of the newly created office subject to the compliance with the existing compensation laws;

**WHEREAS**, the personnel holding technical positions shall be exempted from the provisions of the existing Compensation Law and their compensation and other fringe benefits shall be determined and fixed by the Board of Directors;

**WHEREAS**, the Authority is given fiscal autonomy to use all moneys earned from the collection/levy of any and all such fees, charges, dues, assessments and fines it is empowered to collect/levy solely to fund its operations;

**WHEREAS**, although the authority operates under its Board of Directors, budget and fiscal matters are still subject to review by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);

**NOW THEREFORE, be it Resolved, as it is hereby Resolved**, That by virtue of Republic Act No. 9497, the office of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) was created, thereby abolishing the Air Transportation Office (ATO).

**RESOLVED, further**, That in the filling up of CAAP plantilla positions, qualified hold over ATO personnel shall be given preference subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Commissions (CSC).

**RESOLVED, furthermore**, That the Board of Directors of the CAAP shall be the governing body which shall be responsible for policies and regulations in the operations of the Authority.

**RESOLVED, finally**, That Resolutions issued by the Board shall constitute as primary authorization for any CAAP activity and shall be entitled to due recognition by concerned agencies and entities.

*Approved,*



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