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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, REHABILITATION AND
MODERNIZATION OF NAVAL AIRPORT IN THE PROVINCE OF BILIRAN
AND TO ALLOCATE FUNDS THEREOF

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Biliran was founded in 1992 through Republic Act 7160 and is part of the Eastern Visayas Region. The humble province has a total land area of 555.42 square kilometers (55,542 hectares), of which 12,879 hectares are forestlands and 42,663 hectares are alienable and disposable lands. It is home to 171,612 Biliranon based on the 2015 Census.

The new province is a growing and thriving tourist destination for local and foreign tourists. It boasts of white beaches, and rich marine and natural resources. Its economy, being largely agricultural is a great potential for growth and sustainability for the province. The provincial government also works on expanding and luring investors to put up more industries. Indeed, to do these there is a need to provide for infrastructures to effectively facilitate growth and development.

This bill seeks to develop, rehabilitate and modernize the Naval Airport in the Province of Biliran. This proposal is seen to benefit greatly the province and shall support its development plan in the years to come.

Furthermore, in times of calamity assistance, Naval Airport, being located in the center of trade and commerce can facilitate the fast delivery of services and assistance to the eight (8) island municipalities in Biliran and to other nearby provinces thereof.

In consideration of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

- 1 Section 1. To enhance tourism, trade and commerce in the province, the Naval
2 Airport in the Province of Biliran shall be developed, rehabilitated and modernized.
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4 Sec. 2. In times of calamity assistance, Naval Airport, being located in the center of
5 trade and commerce can facilitate the fast delivery of services and assistance to the
6 eight (8) island municipalities in Biliran and to other nearby provinces thereof.
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8 Sec 3. For the purpose of compliance of this Act, the Civil Aviation Authority of the
9 Philippines or the Department of Transportation and Communications shall
10 formulate and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
11 implementation of this Act, including the necessary support facilities such as
12 construction of terminal building and all other equipments indispensably required.
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14 Sec. 4. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included
15 in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and
16 thereafter.
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18 Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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20 Approved.