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HOUSE BILL NO. 486



INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE JOSE G. SOLIS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for the improvement, rehabilitation, and the modernization of the Bulan Airport and its conversion and opening into a Commercial Airport in the Province of Sorsogon.

The Bulan Airport in Sorsogon was constructed years back in response to the growing need by the public of a facility to service their traveling and business needs. Its safe and efficient operation are, however, hampered by factors such as obsolete, outmoded and ill-equipped navigational facilities, a dilapidated runway and lack of budget to provide whatever is necessary to ensure its operation.

The growing demand for air travel makes it imperative that the Bulan Airport in Sorsogon be improved, rehabilitated, modernized, converted and opened into a Commercial Airport, if the socio economic upliftment of the people of Sorsogon is to be hastened. Since air travel is the fastest means of transportation, it will surely

spur economic activity as it would attract tourism and investments because of the easy and safe access it would provide. More importantly, the safety of the riding public who patronizes air travel can never be compromised as a number of aircraft crashes are attributed to poor landing facilities.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT, REHABILITATION AND
MODERNIZATION OF THE BULAN AIRPORT IN THE PROVINCE
OF SOROSOGON AND CONVERTING AND OPENING IT INTO A
COMMERCIAL AIRPORT AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

Section 1. The Bulan Airport in the Province of Sorsogon shall be improved, rehabilitated, modernized, converted and shall be opened into a commercial airport under the direct supervision of the Department of Transportation and Communications.

Section 2. The amount necessary for the improvement, rehabilitation and modernization of the Bulan Airport and its conversion and opening into a Commercial Airport shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Transportation and Communications under the current General Appropriations Act.

Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the airport shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,