

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City Metro Manila

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS  
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House Bill No. 2997



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Introduced by Rep. Anthony C. Miranda

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to convert the Magat Airstrip into a domestic airport to be located at the Municipality of Ramon Province of Isabela.

There is a growing demand for a fast, safe and efficient travel of the public to service their travel and business needs. In response to this need, and since air travel is the fastest mean of transportation, it is thus necessary to convert the Magat Airstrip into a domestic airport.

Access to the province of Isabela is hampered by its remoteness from the capital and lack of a fast means of transportation. A domestic airport should be established if the socio-economic development is to be hastened in the province. It would surely impel economic activity as it would draw tourism and investments because of the easy and safe access air travel can provide.

Hence, the approval of the bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT  
CONVERTING THE MAGAT AIRSTRIP IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA  
INTO A DOMESTIC AIRPORT TO BE KNOWN AS THE SANTIAGO CITY  
DOMESTIC AIRPORT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. The Magat Airstrip in the Province of Isabela is hereby converted into a domestic airport to be known as the Santiago Domestic Airport.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications shall acquire the land needed to expand the airport and shall construct, improve, and install all the necessary facilities for its upgrading. He shall likewise issue the necessary orders, rules, and circulars to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary for the improvement, rehabilitation and modernization of the Magat Airstrip and its conversion into a Domestic 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 Appropriation Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,