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House Bill No. 3360



Introduced by **Honorable Jose C. De Venecia, Jr., Ernesto "Banzai" A. Nieva, Jaime C. Lopez, Miles Andrew M. Roces, Rodolfo C. Bacani, Joey D. Hizon, Bienvenido M. Abante, Jr.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The City of Manila hosts two of the country's leading ports - the North Harbor which is located along the shoreline of the Tondo District, and the South Harbor which lies in the northeast shoulder of Manila Bay. The South Harbor serves as the country's gateway to international shipping and trade, while the North Harbor is highly recognized as a catalyst for domestic commerce.

Inasmuch as both of these harbors fall within the geographical jurisdiction of the City of Manila, the City Government is mandated to provide basic services and facilities necessary for their efficient and continuous operations. Hence, from the time that the North and South Harbors were opened to domestic and international shipping, respectively, the City of Manila has religiously been making available several essential services to these harbors such as sanitation, garbage collection, deployment of security personnel, provision for fire protection as well as construction and maintenance of roads. Meanwhile, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) has solely collected all dues, charges, wharfage fees and other such duties relative to the two facilities without sharing any part of its revenues to the Host City.

This bill, therefore, seeks to resolve this apparent inequality by granting the City of Manila a fifteen percent (15%) share in the net revenue collections of the Philippine Ports Authority from the operations of the North and South Harbors.

With the present thrust to devolve the functions and responsibilities of national agencies to local government units, the City of Manila needs an adequate and sustainable source of income to enable it to effectively discharge its functions and efficiently deliver basic services and facilities to its constituents. On the premise that those who derive benefit and protection from the government must also share in the costs of governance, so must these two harbors, through the PPA, contribute an equitable share of the taxes, dues and other charges derived from its operations to the local government. This will enable the City of Manila to maximize the delivery of basic services and perform its commitments to these harbors without falling short of resources to cater to the other equally compelling needs of its constituents.

For these reasons and more, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
GRANTING THE CITY OF MANILA AN ANNUAL FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) SHARE IN THE ANNUAL NET INCOME OF THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY (PPA) FROM THE OPERATIONS OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH HARBORS

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

SECTION 1. The City of Manila shall be granted an annual fifteen percent (15%) share in the net income of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) from the operations of the North and South Harbors after remitting fifty percent (50%) of its net income to the National Government.

SECTION 2. The fifteen percent (15%) share shall be computed initially on the net income of PPA for the year ending December 31, 2004 and regularly, every end of the year thereafter. The share of the City of Manila shall be automatically released and remitted on a quarterly basis without the need of any further authorization.

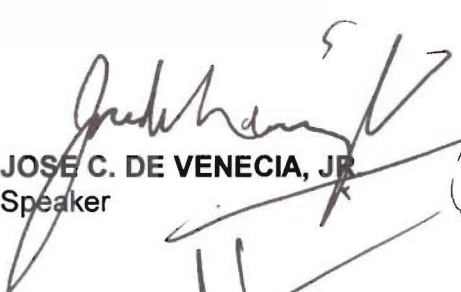
SECTION 3. The amount equivalent to the share of the City of Manila shall be allocated to fund infrastructure, economic and socio-economic projects.

SECTION 4. The Department of Finance in coordination with the Philippine Ports Authority shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

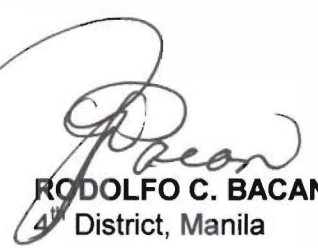
SECTION 5. Section 20 (c) of Presidential Decree 857, and all other laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, proclamations, rules and regulations that are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,



JOSE C. DE VENECIA, JR.
Speaker



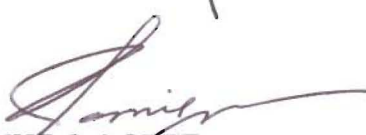
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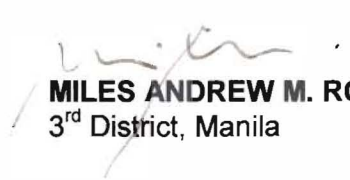
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