

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3471

Introduced by Honorable MILES M. ROCES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The City of Manila is host to three of the busiest ports in the country namely the North Harbor, South Harbor and Manila International Container Port (MICP). The country's capital city never fails to provide basic services necessary for the efficient and effective operations of the Harbors such as garbage collection, sanitation, fire and police protection, construction and repair of roads within and around the premises of the Harbors and, other essential services for its maintenance.

All this undertaking is part of the city's commitment to protect and beautify the government facilities within its jurisdiction specially the ones that reflects the country's capability to do business with investors. Notwithstanding all the services rendered by the City of Manila, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) collects all dues, fees, charges and other sums imposed in the Harbors without sharing any part of it to the city that helps maintain its security and the cleanliness of its surroundings.

Consistent with the provision of the Local Government Code of 1991 which empowers local governments to have a just share in the proceeds from the utilization and development of the national wealth and resources within their respective territorial jurisdiction, it is but just and reasonable that the City of Manila should have an equitable share of the income of the PPA from the operations of the North Harbor, South Harbor and MICP.

This additional source of revenue for the City of Manila would give support to the city's continuous and effective delivery of basic services and facilities to the said harbors and to its constituency as well.

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

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AN ACT PROVIDING THE CITY OF MANILA AN ANNUAL TWENTY PERCENT (20%) SHARE IN THE DUES, FEES, CHARGES, AND OTHER SUMS COLLECTED BY THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY (PPA) FROM THE OPERATIONS OF THE NORTH HARBOR, SOUTH HARBOR AND MANILA INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER PORT (MICP) IN MANILA

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

SECTION 1. The City of Manila shall be provided an annual twenty percent (20%) share in the dues, fees, charges and other sums collected by the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) from the operations of the North Harbor, South Harbor and MICP in Manila.

SECTION 2. The twenty percent (20%) share of the City of Manila shall be computed initially for the year ending December 31, 2005 and subsequently, every end of the year thereafter. The share shall accrue automatically to the city on a quarterly basis.

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

SECTION 4. The Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) and the Department of Finance (DOF), in coordination with the Philippine Ports Authority and other concerned agencies shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act within six months from the date of its effectivity.

SECTION 5. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, proclamations, rules and regulations and issuances or parts thereof inconsistent or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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