



First Regular Session

House Bill No. **3484**

Introduced by HON. TRANQUILINO B. CARMONA, M.D.

“AN ACT CREATING THE SAN CARLOS CITY EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE
AND THEREBY APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The City of San Carlos is a first class component city of the Province of Negros Occidental. This city is now heading to modern agro-industrial that is distinct with economic viability, socially responsible and in balance with the environment. The city stands on a strategic location, with rich resources and well-planned socio-economic development thrusts.

Lying along the coast of Tañon Strait at the northeastern of Negros Island, San Carlos City is linked to main crossroads of the major cities in the Visayan Islands, like the cities of Cebu, Bacolod, Iloilo, and Dumaguete. These linkages make the City of San Carlos the best gateway to and from the islands of Cebu, Negros and Panay.

Taking the distances from major cities, San Carlos City is nearer to: (1) Bacolod City at 86 kilometers through the Northern Negros Ecotourism Highway and 145 kilometers plying the coastal road; (2) Dumaguete City with 167 kilometers using coastal road; and, (3) Cebu City via Toledo City at 15 nautical miles across Tañon Strait.

The San Carlos City has a 405-hectare PEZA-approved ECOZONE comprising of industrial estate, residential and commercial complex and eco-tourism estate.

All-weather farm-to-market roads interconnect all mountain barangays to the city facilitating easy transport of agricultural products. Availability of production and technology inputs for improved productivity are now pursued. The Northern Negros Ecotourism Highway, aside from serving as the farm-to-market road, also connects San Carlos City to Bacolod City by a shorter distance of 86 kilometers.

Further, the creation of the San Carlos City Export Processing Zone is feasible, viable, productive, efficient and effective, due to the following:

1. Port with deep water berthing facility. The City of San Carlos has the multi-million newly upgraded and expanded seaport with deep water berthing facility. This is

operated by the Philippine Ports Authority and capable of accommodating various port buildings, facilities and container vans.

2. Water supply system. The San Carlos City Waterworks Department serves and provides potable water systems to the poblacion and mountain barangays of the city.

3. Transportation, communications and power facilities. San Carlos City is operating its Integrated Land Transportation Terminal and Farmer's Market. The communication lines are accessible through various telecommunication agencies operating in the city. Electric power is also available in the city and in most mountain barangays.

4. San Carlos Airstrip. The airstrip development is now on its Phase 1 of the planned community airport pursuant to the development plan for year 2000-2005. The Phase 1 will accommodate 12 to 30-passenger aircrafts.

5. The City Development Plans. The San Carlos City is governed by a Master Development Plan, which comprehensively covers the economic development, social development and environmental sustainability. The development is strategically spread in the urban and rural areas that are identified as growth centers. The city development plan, amid the current plight, is designed to bring the socio-economic development to the countryside and its adjacent communities.

6. Environment. The environs of San Carlos City is strategically capable of adopting measures mitigating the environmental impact brought about by its infused man-made development. The resource management is an integral part of the development plans of San Carlos City to ensure safety and continued availability of natural resources, food supply, water resources, and effective solid waste management.

The San Carlos City Export Processing Zone, being feasible and viable, there is no doubt that this area can be an instrument towards local and national economic growth. Hence, this bill is recommended for approval.



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House Bill No. 3484

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

Section 1. Title. This Act shall be known as the “San Carlos City Export
Processing Zone Act”.

Section 2. Creation. There shall be created a “San Carlos City Export Processing
Zone” in the City of San Carlos, Province of Negros Occidental.

Section 3. The Philippine Export Zone Authority and the Secretary of the
Department of Trade and Industry are hereby mandated to immediately include in their
department’s program the operationalization of the “San Carlos City Export Processing
Zone” and shall issue such circulars, rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry
out the purpose of this Act.

Section 4. If any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or
invalid, other provisions, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force
and effect.

Section 5. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations
or part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
amended or modified accordingly.

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

APPROVED.