

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 3691



Introduced by HONORABLE MONICO O. PUENTEVELLA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for the improvement, rehabilitation and modernization of the Bacolod City airport, being the only airport at present serving the needs of the whole province of Negros Occidental, upgrading its capability to handle bigger and wider bodied airliners.

With the completion of the New Bacolod Silay Airport in Silay City far into the future, the Bacolod City airport remains the only airport capable of accepting domestic flights into the province. Its safe and efficient operation however is hampered by obsolete, outmoded and ill-equipped navigational facilities and a dilapidated short runway.

Modern technology is producing bigger, faster and more fuel efficient airliners but all these technological marvels will not be utilized as far as Bacolod City airport is concerned because the fact remains that its runway can only accommodate the smaller airliners such as the McDonnell-Douglas' DC9 and Boeing's 727 series. Airbus Industries' A300 series will have a hard time landing in Bacolod's airport as its size, weight and speed might only cause it to overshoot the runway.

Air infrastructure safety as well as the provision of adequate air infrastructure remains questionable as far as Bacolod City airport is concerned. This need should be addressed now before anything untoward can happen.

Thus, the approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT, REHABILITATION AND MODERNIZATION
OF THE BACOLOD CITY AIRPORT IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL

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

Section 1. The Bacolod City Airport in the Province of Negros Occidental shall be improved, rehabilitated and modernized in order to upgrade its capability to handle bigger and wider-bodied airliners.

Section 2. The Department of Transportation and Communication is tasked to immediately create a task force to propose a plan of action on how the purposes of this Act can be implemented.

Section 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be added to the appropriations of the Department of Transportation and Communication under the General Appropriations Act the year succeeding the approval of this Act.

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

APPROVED,