



Introduced by Honorable Consuelo A. Dy

Explanatory Note

In the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan for 2001-2004, there were a lot of components that focused on the development of the airport sector of the country. As a matter of fact, the plan included specific areas that intended to transform the pitiful state of our domestic airports into world class amenities.

The MTPDP for the period 2001-2004 included some components that were poised to provide an optimistic view on the role that Philippine airports play in the over-all economic development goals of country.

According to the plan, priority will be given to improve the quality of service and maintenance standards of railways, ports and airports. Several policy reforms were to be adopted in order to liberalize and privatize transportation operations particularly in shipping and civil aviation. It must be noted that the progressive liberalization policy in civil aviation has increased competition among various airlines that in effect benefited the traveling public through wider choices in airlines and lower fares.

The MTDP gave special mention to the construction, completion and operation of NAIA Terminal 2 that decongested the old and domestic terminal and NAIA Terminal I.

However, in spite of the targets set by the MTDP, there is more to be desired for especially in the areas of airport safety and security. With the continued threats of domestic and international terrorism, our domestic airports, particularly the present state of its facilities may not be able to prevent the operations of terrorist groups. For instance, security and safety equipment in our airports such as metal detectors, x-ray machines and the like, may now be very obsolete when compared to the domestic airports of other countries.

This bill intends to respond to a very simple yet basic need in our domestic airports. That is to institutionalize the yearly conduct of inspections and routine checks in such airports. Activities of this sort shall be conducted during the period when government agencies are preparing their respective budget, for eventual approval by Congress.

An initial amount of Five Hundred Million Pesos (P 500,000,000.00) shall be allocated for the implementation of this Act. After which, the government agencies concerned will submit yearly budgets based on the results of their yearly monitoring and inspection of domestic airports.

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


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AN ACT
UPGRADING ALL SAFETY AND SECURITY FACILITIES
OF ALL DOMESTIC AIRPORTS NATIONWIDE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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

Section 1. Coverage. - All safety and security facilities, features and equipment of all domestic airports nationwide shall be upgraded in order to ensure travel and passenger safety.

Section 2. Methodology. – Conduct of yearly monitoring and inspection of all security and safety facilities, features and equipment of all domestic airports nationwide.

Sec. 2.1. The inspection and monitoring process should determine the efficiency, sufficiency and viability of existing security and safety facilities of domestic airports. The agencies concerned must then recommend facilities and equipment that needs to be replaced, repaired, improved and purchased, including requests for expenditures for such;

Sec. 2.2. This activity must be done at an early time to allow the concerned government agencies to submit and recommend budgetary request from Congress.

Section 3. Implementing Agencies. – The following agencies shall implement this Act:

- Department of Transportation and Communication;
- Air Transportation Office
- Civil Aeronautics Board
- Department of National Defense
- Department of Budget and Management
- Committee on Transportation of the House of Representatives;
- Appropriate Senate committee

Section 4. Appropriation. – As soon as this Act is approved an initial fund of Five Hundred Million Pesos (P 500,000,000.00) shall be allocated for the implementation of the said Act.

Section 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – After the passage of this Act, the above-mentioned agencies shall draft the implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. – All acts, decrees, general orders, letters of instruction, regulation and circulars, or parts thereof inconsistent with any provisions of this Act are hereby declared repealed or modified accordingly;

Section 7. Separability Clause. – If, for any cause, any part of this Act is declared

Section 8. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect upon approval.

Approved,