



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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3807



Introduced by Honorable Roger G. Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for the construction of the terminal building and the improvement and rehabilitation of the runway of the Maasin City Airport in the Province of Southern Leyte.

The Maasin City Airport is situated at Brgy. Pananawan which is approximately 10 kms. away from Maasin City proper. The airport caters to emergency flights only. It was constructed years back in response to the growing needs of the public for transit facility service. However, since its construction, the airport has never been operational for commercial flights because it has no terminal building where airport facilities and navigational aids can be installed. Likewise, the airport has no air traffic control services. Worse, the runway is dilapidated. It is also narrow and short that it can accommodate only small private planes and helicopter.

The increasing demand for air travel makes it imperative that a terminal building be constructed at the Maasin Airport and its runway be improved and rehabilitated. This measure will hasten the socio-economic upliftment of the people of Southern Leyte. Since air travel is the fastest means of transportation, the economic activity of Southern Leyte will increase. It will likewise attract tourists and investments because of the easy and safe access to the province. But more important, the safety of the public who patronizes air travel will be assured.

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

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PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TERMINAL
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OF THE RUNWAY OF THE MAASIN CITY AIRPORT IN THE
PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. A terminal building shall be constructed and the runway of the Maasin City Airport, Province of Southern Leyte shall be improved and rehabilitated under the direct supervision of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC).

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Transportation and Communications under the current General

Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Airport shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,