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House Bill No. 5927



***Introduced By* HONORABLE DANTON Q. BUESER**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the construction, operation and maintenance of the Laguna de Bay Circumferential Skyway which will traverse the coastal areas of Laguna de Bay.

If realized, the circumferential skyway will spur economic development in the areas to be traversed by the Skyway including the outlying provinces of Quezon, Laguna and Rizal.

The proposed project will link up with the C-5 portion of the Taguig-Pateros road through the shorelines of Muntinlupa City in Metro Manila and then to San Pedro, Biñan, Sta. Rosa, Cabuyao, Calamba, Los Baños up to Bay in Laguna in the initial phase, and will eventually include all towns of Laguna and Rizal surrounding the Laguna de Bay in the final phase.

Expectedly, the Skyway will serve as a vital link for Metro Manila to the Maharlika Highway, thereby bringing about the accessibility of goods and services to and from the Calabarzon area. Also, as exists going to Infanta Quezon and the municipalities of Sta. Maria, Mabitac, Pagsanjan and the Panlilio Islands in Laguna will be provided, the Skyway will create a significant impact on the promotion of eco-tourism in the area.

Furthermore, the Skyway will provide an alternate route to the already congested South Luzon Expressway.

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


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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE LAGUNA DE BAY CIRCUMFERENTIAL SKYWAY LINKING METRO MANILA AND THE COASTAL AREAS OF THE LAGUNA DE BAY, AND PROVIDING FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6957 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE B.O.T. LAW

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

Section 1. ***The Project.***- There is hereby created the Laguna de Bay circumferential Skyway which shall be financed, constructed, operated and maintained by grantee/offeror/consortium/proponent under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 6957 otherwise known as the BOT Law. This Skyway shall traverse the coastal areas of Laguna de Bay which shall link up Metro Manila and the Calabarzon area.

Section 2. ***Implementing Agency.***- The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall implement the project.

Section 3. ***Definition of Terms.***-

- (a) "Grantee/offeror/consortium/proponent"- Private sector entity composed of business enterprises in association with a duly registered banking institution that makes public an offer to finance, construct, operate and maintain the Laguna de Bay Circumferential Skyway contained in the project Prospectus.
- (b) "Project Prospectus" – A document outlining in detail the project proposal, its attendant financing scheme and the repayment system in toll, rental or any other method. It shall disclose in full the feasibility, viability and bank ability of said project and shall provide and disclose the methods, technologies and constructions systems including full names of the owners or stockholders of the participating entities, firms or corporations.
- (c) "Duly registered banking institution" – Any bank duly organized and registered under and by virtue of Philippine laws

Section 4. ***Terms and conditions.***- The grantee/offeror/consortium/proponent shall finance, construct, operate and maintain the highway under the following conditions:

- (a) The Skyway shall be built along the Laguna de bay coastal areas in accordance with the final engineering survey and feasibility study on the project.

- (b) The Skyway shall be designed in consideration of the potential for agricultural and other uses of areas where impounding dams, irrigation systems, or hydroelectric dams can be built; said Skyway shall be built to accommodate said structures;
- (c) Out of the proceeds of the toll fees to be imposed by the grantee/offeree/consortium/proponent, ten percent of the net before corporate income tax shall be allocated to Laguna Lake Development Authority which oversees the uplifted and maintenance of the Laguna de Bay;
- (d) The grantee/offeree/consortium/proponent shall be registered from securing loans from any Philippine government bank or financial institution that may be used to finance the project;
- (e) The toll fees to be charged for use of the highway shall be determined by the Toll Regulatory Board in accordance with existing toll way rules and regulations under existing laws;
- (f) Twenty-five years after operation of the Skyway, the grantee shall transfer the title, operation and maintenance of which to the national government.

Section 5. **Evaluation.**- An inter-agency task force shall be established to evaluate the project based on criteria that respond to the public benefit, public cost and overall impact to the economy, the environment and the right of indigenous peoples in the area. This body shall be composed of authorized representatives from the Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the National Economic Development Authority, the Department of Trade and Industry, the Department of Interior and Local Government and such other agencies that the DPWH, as the leading agency, may utilize for the purpose.

Section 6. **Effectivity Clause.**- This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in two newspapers of general circulation. Within one month after the effectivity of this Act, the implementation of which by the DPWH shall commence.

Approved.