

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

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House Bill No. 315

Introduced by **Honorable Roilo Golez**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to allow any entity, private or public, to construct, establish and operate a port without prior approval of the Philippine Ports Authority, provided that the operation of the port is directly connected to and is an integral part of the principal business of said entity and is for its exclusive use.

The growth of the country's business and economy depends on industries engaged in the manufacturing and distribution of goods and services. Many of these business entities require a reliable sea transport system which includes, as a critical component, the use of ports.

There are many such industries and entities which are willing to construct and operate their own ports in order to ensure the continued availability of port services, a factor which cannot be effectively controlled if public ports are used. To these industries and entities, the use and full control of such ports is vital to the viability of their operation.

Urgent approval of this Bill is recommended.



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AN ACT
ENCOURAGING THE CONSTRUCTION, ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF PRIVATE
PORTS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The Philippine Ports Authority shall encourage, authorize and automatically issue a permit to any entity, private or public, to construct, establish and operate a port in any suitable area in the country: *Provided*, That the operation and maintenance thereof shall be directly connected to and is integral part of the principal business of said entity and is for its exclusive use, and *Provided Further*, That said entity shall have secured the necessary land use and environmental clearances from concerned government agencies:

SECTION 2. The Philippine Ports Authority is hereby authorized to issue the corresponding implementing regulations to effect this Act.

SECTION 3. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,