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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is not unknown to many that Biliran Province is made up of group of islands. One of which is the Higatangan Island, bounded on the north eastern side by Barangay Libertad and on southeast by Barangay Mabini. The island boasts long stretch of white sand beaches, cool pristine waters and exotic rock formations which are itself nature at its best.

To make this island realize its full tourism potential, the necessary infrastructure has to be made available. And with the passage of **RA 10409 otherwise known as "An Act Declaring the Province of Biliran as Tourism Development Area and providing funds therefor"**, it is expected that more foreign and local tourists will be enticed to explore the island.

This bill seeks to provide the establishment of seaport in Barangay Mabini, Higatangan Island, Naval, Province of Biliran to make it convenient for tourists to reach the area. Moreover, investment in vital infrastructure will help strengthen the local economy.

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


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AN ACT MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEAPORT IN BARANGAY MABINI, HIGATANGAN ISLAND, NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS THEREOF

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

- Section 1. A seaport in Barangay Mabini, Higatangan Island, Naval, Province of Biliran shall hereby be constructed.
- Section 2. For the purpose of compliance of this Act, the Philippine Ports Authority or the Department of Transportation and Communications shall formulate and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act, including the necessary support facilities.
- Section 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.
- Section 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
- Approved.