



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. 1832

Introduced by:
REP. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS
1ST District, Surigao del Norte (Siargao Island)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was first filed in the 14th Congress and was finally approved on Third Reading by the House of Representatives in the 15th Congress. This was scheduled for Second Reading by the Senate before the *sine die adjournment* of the 15th Congress. Re-filed *in toto* this present Congress, this bill seeks to upgrade and modernize the Siargao Airport in Barangay Sayak, Del Carmen in the Province of Surigao del Norte.

This bill was first filed in 2007 in line with the then administration's thrust of developing Super Regions all throughout the country. It was a vital component in the development of Central Mindanao into a Super Region because of Siargao Island's vast eco-tourism potentials. Furthermore, its upgrading and modernization will ensure adequate funding for its improvement, maintenance and repair. With a modernized and upgraded airport, Siargao Island will be opened to faster development, its promotion as a prime tourist destination will be greatly bolstered, the mobility of people and the movement of goods will be greatly improved and commerce and industry will be given a much-needed boost. Farmers, producers and businessmen will have access to more and bigger markets for their produce and commodities, with transportation cost reduced to a minimum. More importantly, it will be easier for tourists to visit and enjoy the pristine and natural beauty of the island.

For six years that this bill has been pending in Congress, Siargao Island managed to increase tourist arrivals and has in fact been recognized internationally as one of the best surf-site and one of the must-see destinations in the world. In line with the present administration's mission to attract more tourists and investors to the country, it is therefore crucial to have a modernized and upgraded airport to cater to the growing number of tourists visiting Siargao Island.

Approval of this Bill, therefore, is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
UPGRADING AND MODERNIZING THE SIARGAO AIRPORT AT
BARANGAY SAYAK, DEL CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL NORTE,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 Section 1. The Siargao Airport at Barangay Sayak, Del
2 Carmen, Surigao del Norte is hereby upgraded and modernized.

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4 Section 2. The Director General of the Aviation Authority of
5 the Philippines (CAAP) shall include in the CAAP Master Plan the
6 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be taken from
7 the CAAP's internally generated funds, corporate borrowings and
8 other financing schemes available to the Authority.

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10 Section 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following
11 the completion of its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2)
12 national newspapers of general circulation.

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14 Approved,