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EXPLANATORY NOTE

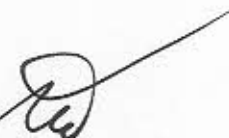
Globalization opened a world of opportunities as well as challenges for trade and investment. To keep pace with global competition, there is a need to enhance foreign investment and promote exports from the country as well as provide a level playing field for domestic enterprises and manufacturers.

This bill seeks to include the municipality of Carigara, in the Province of Leyte as Special Economic Zones, amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 7916, otherwise known as the 'Special Economic Zone Act of 1995'.

The municipality of Carigara is strategically located in the northern part of Leyte. The municipality in the north is considered centers of business activities in the area. The several industrial and business establishments continuously boost the economic growth, which certainly help the municipality attain the requirements prescribed under existing law for an area to be considered as a special economic zone.

The Ecozone is conceptualized as a self-sustaining industrial, commercial and investment center that will encourage economic growth and accelerate employment generation in the province. Furthermore, the Ecozone will bring economic diversity and benefits to the province. Employment opportunities generated by the Ecozone will minimize waves of Visayan migration in search for greener pastures.

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


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**AN ACT TO INCLUDE THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARIGARA,
IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE AS SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 5 PARAGRAPH (O) OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7916, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE "SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ACT OF 1995"**

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

SECTION 1. Section 5, paragraph (o) of Republic Act No. 7916 otherwise known as the Special Economic Zone Act of 1995 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. *Establishment of ECOZONES.* - To ensure the viability and geographic dispersal of ECOZONES through a system of prioritization, the following areas are initially identified as ECOZONES, subject to the criteria specified in Section 6:

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(o) So much as may be necessary of that portion of the Municipality of Barugo and **THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARIGARA, ALL** in the Province of Leyte;

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The metes and bounds of each ECOZONE are to be delineated and more particularly described in a proclamation to be issued by the President of the Philippines, upon the recommendation of the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) which shall be established under this Act, in coordination with the municipal and/or city council, National Land Use Coordinating Committee and/or the Regional Land Use Committee.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

Approved,