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HOUSE BILL NO. **7814**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Economic development as well as social interaction in land locked rural areas is only possible through the establishment of basic support services and facilities. Irrigation services, transport facilities and farm to market roads are among the basic needs that our farmers seek and solicit from the government. This is so in D. R. T. , Dona Remedios Trinidad, an upland town in Bulacan, occupying 2/3 of the province land area. Rich in mineral and natural resources the town can still be further developed.

This bill seeks to set-up an additional dam in Bayabas, Dona Remedios Trinidad, Bulacan to promote economic development and social welfare of the people in the area. Aside from flood control and the provision of a more reliable and higher quality water supply for irrigation, domestic and industrial use, the additional dam can also reduce pressure on uncleared forest lands, intact wildlife habitat and marginal agricultural land as well as properly utilize excess rain water flowing down from the mountains and other elevated areas through the reservoir drawdown area. It will also generate employment opportunities, food security for an ever growing population, protection from floods and droughts, and the generation of the cleanest and least expensive form of energy, namely hydropower.

Thus, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
A DAM IN BARANGAY BAYABAS, MUNICIPALITY OF DONA REMEDIOS
TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BULACAN AND PROVIDING FOR ITS
IMPLEMENTATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 6957, ALSO
KNOWN AS THE “BUILD-OPERATE-TRANSFER (BOT) LAW”

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

SEC 1. *Bayabas Dam Construction.* - There shall be constructed a dam in Barangay Bayabas, Municipality of Doña Remedios Trinidad, Province of Bulacan which shall be financed, constructed, operated and maintained by a proponent or grantee under and by virtue of Republic Act 6957, also known as the “*Build-Operate-Transfer Law.*”

For purposes of this Act, a “*proponent or grantee*” refers to the private sector entity composed of business enterprises which makes public an offer to finance, construct, operate and maintain the Bayabas Dam in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

SEC 2. *Terms and Conditions.* – The proponent shall finance, construct, operate and maintain the Bayabas Dam subject to the following conditions:

- a. The Bayabas Dam project shall be built containing an approximate area of Twenty four million and thirty thousand square meters (24,030,000 sq. m.);
- b. The proponent shall be restricted from securing loans from any Philippine government bank or financial institution that may be used to finance the project;
- c. Within fifty (50) years after the operation of the said dam, the proponent shall transfer the ownership of the dam to the National Government for its operation and maintenance;
- d. The Bayabas dam shall be tailor fit to suit the needs of the nearby areas and shall be a conduit for economic stimulus for Bulacan and nearby towns, provinces, and even Metro Manila.

SEC 3. **Implementing Agency.** – The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall be the lead implementing agency of this project.

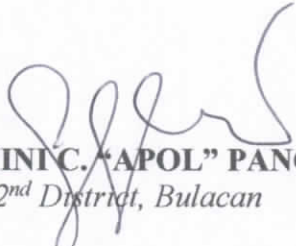
SEC. 4. **Inter-Agency Coordination.** – The provincial governments of Bulacan and Pampanga, together with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of the Interior and Local Government, and the Local Water Utilities Administration, in consultation with the National Irrigation Administration, the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage Board and the National Power Corporation, shall create a task force to evaluate the project based on workable criteria derived from consultations with various sectors concerned.

SEC 5. **Limitation.** – No appropriations shall be made to support the proponent for undertaking the implementation of this project, except to defray reasonable administrative expenses for personnel duly appointed to oversee the project.

SEC 6. **Appropriations.** – The amount necessary to defray the cost of undertaking and completing the feasibility study for this project shall be charged against the current appropriations for the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SEC 7. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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