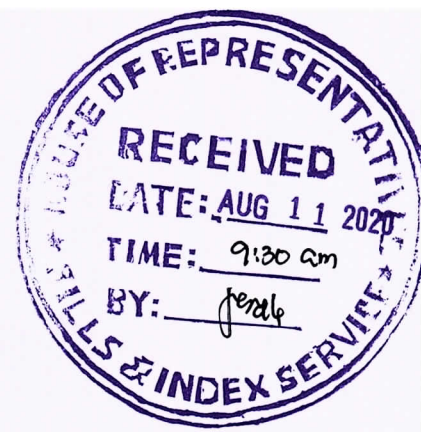


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines was created in 2008 by virtue of Republic Act No. 9497, otherwise known as the Civil Aviation Authority Act of 2008. Section 40 of the law provides for the creation of the Flight Standards Inspectorate Service (FSIS) to assist the CAAP Director General in carrying out the responsibilities of his office for certification and ongoing inspections of aircraft, airmen, and air operators.

This bill seeks to extend the FSIS function through the creation of CAAP Flight Standards Inspectorate Centers (FSIC) in Visayas and in Mindanao. Provided that the CAAP operates in the national level, it is imperative to devolve its functions to provide cost-efficient services and central access to all the regions in the country. Especially in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic wherein travel restrictions are set, the absence of a central regional office curtails the communications necessary to establish and implement region-specific programs and policies.

The enactment of this measure shall take us one step closer to the achievement of the CAAP vision to be a pre-eminent Civil Aviation Authority in the world and a global brand of excellence in civil aviation.

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



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AN ACT
CREATING CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (CAAP)
FLIGHT STANDARDS INSPECTORATE CENTERS IN VISAYAS AND IN
MINDANAO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9497,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY ACT OF 2008,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. A new section is hereby inserted after Section 40 of Republic Act No. 9497, which shall read as follows:

“SEC. 41. FLIGHT STANDARDS INSPECTORATE CENTERS. - THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN AT LEAST ONE (1) FLIGHT STANDARDS INSPECTORATE CENTERS (FSIC) EACH IN VISAYAS AND IN MINDANAO. THE FSIC SHALL BE HEADED BY A CENTER DIRECTOR, WHO MAY BE ASSISTED BY ONE (1) ASSISTANT CENTER DIRECTOR.

THE FSIC SHALL HAVE, WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS, THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

- A. MANAGE ALL THE ACTIVITIES AND PERSONNEL OF FSIC;
- B. PROMOTE CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY THROUGH PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS AND CONDUCTS OF PROMPT, SUSTAINED, AND CONSISTENT SURVEILLANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ICAO STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICE;
- C. CERTIFY COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORT AND GENERAL AVIATION OPERATORS AND APPROVE TRAINING ORGANIZATIONS AND MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS;
- D. ISSUE AIRMEN LICENSES TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS;
- E. HARMONIZE OPERATING REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION AMONG THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE

IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
STANDARDS; AND
F. PERFORM SUCH OTHER POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE
PRESCRIBED BY LAW OR ASSIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL."

Succeeding sections of RA 9497 are hereby renumbered accordingly.

SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - For the effective implementation of this Act, Department of Transportation, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Tourism, Department of Finance, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Interior and Local Government, and other concerned agencies shall, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, promulgate the implementing rules and regulations.

SEC. 3 *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such declaration shall not invalidate other parts thereof which shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general application.

Approved,