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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The modernized thrust of the government to build more infrastructures that will open various parts of the country necessitates the construction and opening of airports. Transportation by air opens and expands more businesses whether by cargo of goods or of people.

However, the transportation by air is not a local concern. Its activities should conform with international standards and recommended practices to ensure safety, uniform implementation of civil aviation regulations and conduct of prompt, sustained and consistent surveillance.

This bill mandates the establishment of at least one Flight Standards Inspectorate Center (FSIC) each in Visayas and Mindanao headed by a Center Director. This also authorizes the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) to recommend to the Department of Transportation (DOTr) the staffing pattern and necessary personnel requirement to operate the FSICs.

This bill was approved on second reading during the 18th Congress. As such, its approval is earnestly sought.



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

Be it enacted by the Senate and the 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, to be designated as Section 40-A, which shall read as follows:

"SEC. 40-A. FLIGHT STANDARDS INSPECTORATE CENTERS. – THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN AT LEAST ONE (1) FLIGHT STANDARDS INSPECTORATE CENTER (FISC) EACH IN VISAYAS AND MINDANAO. THE FSIC SHALL BE HEADED BY A CENTER DIRECTOR, WHO SHALL BE ASSISTED BY ONE (1) ASSISTANT CENTER DIRECTOR.

"THE FSIC SHALL, WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS, PERFORM THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

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

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION STANDARDS; AND

- F) PERFORM SUCH OTHER POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY LAW OR ASSIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

"THE CAAP SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTR) THE STAFFING PATTERN AND NECESSARY PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT TO OPERATE THE INSPECTION CENTERS IN THE VISAYAS AND MINDANAO WHICH SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNANCE COMMISSION FOR GOVERNMENT OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GCG) FOR APPROVAL, SUBJECT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS."

Sec. 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOTr shall, in coordination and consultation with the DBM, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Tourism, Department of Finance, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Interior and Local Government, Civil Service Commission and other concerned agencies, promulgate the rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 3. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 10854

(In substitution of House Bill No. 7347)

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Committee Referrals: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Committee Chairperson: HON. EDGAR MARY SARMIENTO

OBJECTIVES:

- To ensure safety through the uniform implementation of civil aviation regulations and conduct of prompt, sustained and consistent surveillance in accordance with international standards and recommended practices.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- ☐ Mandates the establishment of at least one (1) Flight Standards Inspectorate Center (FSIC) each in Visayas and Mindanao;
- ☐ Provides that the FSIC shall be headed by a Center Director and assisted by one (1) Assistant Center Director;
- ☐ Defines the powers and functions of the FSIC;
- ☐ Authorizes the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) to recommend to the Department of Transportation (DOTR) the staffing pattern and necessary personnel requirement to operate the FSICs in Visayas and Mindanao which shall be submitted to the Governance Commission for Government Owned and Controlled Corporations (GCG) for approval, subject to the applicable provisions of the Civil Service Laws, Rules and Regulations;
- ☐ Mandates the DOTR, in coordination and consultation with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Finance (DOF), Department of

Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Civil Service Commission (CSC) and other concerned agencies, to promulgate the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations within ninety (90) days from its effectivity.

RELATED LAWS:

- Republic Act No. 9497 - Civil Aviation Authority Act of 2008