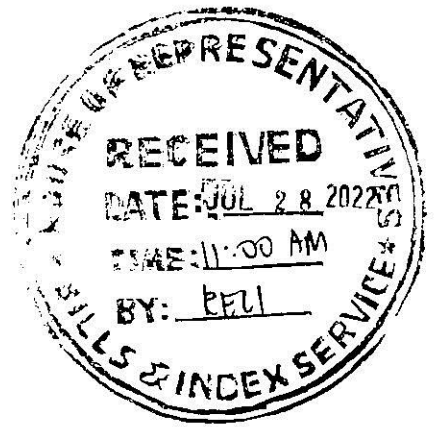


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HOUSE BILL NO. 2659



Introduced by Rep. Sittie Aminah Q. Dimaporo and Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks for the establishment of an International Ship Port at Sultan Naga Dimaporo Port located in the Province of Lanao del Norte that will cater to the needs of the country by boosting economic activities, tourism, and will ease the importation and exportation of goods and services between the Brunei Darussalam–Indonesia–Malaysia–Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP EAGA).

Sultan Naga Dimaporo is located at the heart of Mindanao. It is strategically located between Zamboanga City and Davao City. The establishment of an International Ship Port in Sultan Naga Dimaporo will provide an efficient and effective way to transport and distribute goods and services in the entire Mindanao Region

In view of the importance of boosting our economy through tourism, international trade, and enhanced connectivity between our neighboring countries, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL SHIP PORT AND APPROPRIATE FACILITIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN NAGA DIMAPORO, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE TO CATER TO THE BRUNEI DARUSSALAM-INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-PHILIPPINES EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA (BIMP-EAGA) APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title* – “An Act establishing the BIMP-EAGA Sultan Naga Dimaporo International Ship Port.”

SECTION 2. *Declaration Policy* – It is the policy of the State to foster and promote economic development throughout the country. Being the central port in Mindanao, the Port of Sultan Naga Dimaporo shall be given priority development by the Department of Transportation (DOTr), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Department of Tourism (DOT) along with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), and Mindanao Development Authority (MINDA).

SECTION 3. *Construction, Installation, and Maintenance of Infrastructure and Facilities* – The DOTr, PPA, DOT along with TIEZA, MINDA, and other concerned agencies shall give priority to the construction of the Sultan Naga Dimaporo International Ship Port for its immediate completion. It shall enhance the project’s current master plan including the plans and designs for the accompanying infrastructure and facilities to cater to the movement of goods, services, people, and enhance connectivity between the Brunei Darussalam Indonesia Malaysia Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA).

SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DOTr shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations relevant to the construction, establishment and maintenance of the international ship port in the Municipality of Sultan Naga Dimaporo, Lanao del Norte.

SECTION 5. *Appropriations.* – The DOTr, DOT and PPA shall include in their respective Department's programs the implementation of this Act, funding of which shall be included in their respective annual budgets for the immediate completion of the international ship port in Sultan Naga Dimaporo, Lanao del Norte.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional, any other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,