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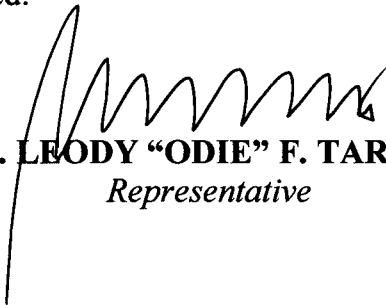


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks for the establishment of an International Ship Port at Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro that will cater to the emerging economy within the province. Strategically located along the Verde Island Passage connecting to the South China Sea, this sea lane has been one of the busiest in the Philippines because it acts as a corridor from the Port of Manila to the Visayas and Mindanao in the south as thousands of goods and people traverse within the province to deliver goods and commodities. With this, the establishment of an international ship port within the province of Occidental Mindoro is highly urged in order to facilitate the movement of goods from the international community within the south of the country.

It is in this regard that the immediate consideration and passage of this proposed bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL SHIP PORT
AND APPROPRIATE FACILITIES IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ABRA DE ILOG, PROVINCE OF
OCCIDENTAL MINDORO, AND 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 Abra International Ship Port.”

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — It is the policy of the State to foster and promote economic development throughout the country. Being the country’s gateway to the south, the Abra de Ilog International Ship Port shall be given priority development by the Department of Transportation (DOTr), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Department of Tourism (DOT), Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), and other concerned agencies.

Sec. 3. *Construction, Installation, and Maintenance of Infrastructure and Facilities.* - The DOTr, PPA, DOT, TIEZA and other concerned agencies shall give priority to the construction of Abra de Ilog 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

international countries and the south of the country (Visayas and Mindanao).

Sec. 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 Abra de Ilog.

Sec. 5. *Appropriations.* – The DOTr, DOT, and PPA shall include in their respective Departments 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 Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro.

Sec. 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.

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

Sec. 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.