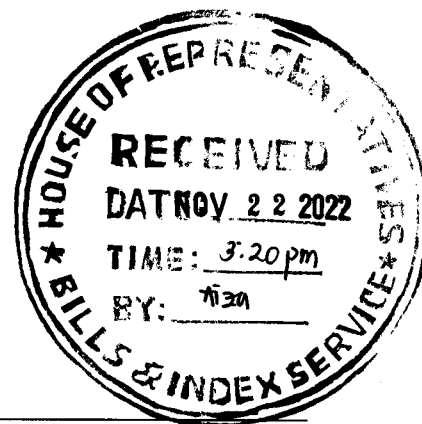


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HOUSE BILL NO. 6298



Introduced by Representative LORETO B. ACHARON

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the creation of the District Port of General Santos, a measure to separate the administration, management and supervision of its operations and port facilities from the jurisdiction of the District Port of Davao.

This port facility has been identified as one of the major national gateway ports under the BIMP-EAGA initiative to boost trade, investments and tourism through intra-region shipping routes and air links between and among Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines, participating member states of the East Asean Growth Area or EAGA.

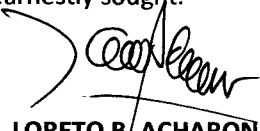
Established in 1994, the BIMP-EAGA initiative continues to be a highly effective mechanism for the member states in accelerating social and economic development in remote and less developed areas especially in many key areas of cooperation that includes agribusiness, tourism, the environment, and socio-cultural education.

BIMP-EAGA is now on its 25th year and we are celebrating this milestone with the 25th Ministerial Meeting on November 23 to 26 in Pontianak City, West Kalimantan in the Republic of Indonesia to formally acknowledged the BIMP-EAGA Vision 2025 – the development roadmap of the region.

Vision 2025 has strategically identified that agribusiness and tourism in order to prosper would need access to improved connectivity such as airports and seaports, a singular fact that we in Region 12 has seen fit to resolve by proposing for the upgrading of the facilities and creation of the District Port of General Santos.

Such creation will give our stakeholders the flexibility and sufficient independence to fully respond in a timely manner to the demands and challenges in the East Asean Growth Area and new global economic order more particularly now that many sovereign economies are starting to recover from the onslaught of the COVID 19 pandemic.

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


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AN
ACT CREATING THE DISTRICT PORT OF GENERAL SANTOS, UPGRADE ITS
FACILITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. A district port is hereby created in the Lone Legislative District of the City of General Santos to be known as the District Port of General Santos.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), in coordination with the General Manager of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) shall include in the department's program the operationalization of the District Port of General Santos and the amount deemed appropriate for its upgrade and development in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the DOTr in coordination with the General Manager of the PPA shall issue such rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED.