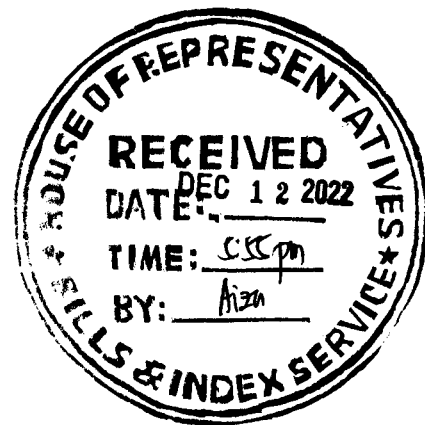


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Since the enactment of Republic Act no. 9355 or “An Act Creating the Province of Dinagat Islands” on December 2006, the province has been steadfast in its efforts to be an self-sufficient island capable of providing for the needs of its residents and constituents. The province’s agriculture, tourism, and local trade are steadily on the rise and on their way to the long term goal of improving the quality of life on the island province.

However, among the major challenges to the said goal is the constant shortage of reliable and steady electricity for the province.

Currently, the Dinagat Diesel Power Plant, located in Wilson, San Jose, is the main source of electricity for the province. Its main distribution utility is the Dinagat Island Electric Cooperative, Inc. (DIELCO).

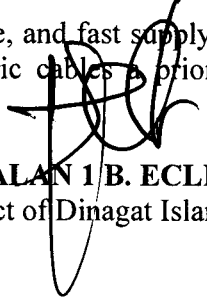
Among the many limitations of the plant is the limited capacity and its reliance on the supply of fuel, which is further hindered by the challenge of having to transport fuel from mainland Mindanao to the island province.

Furthermore, twice earlier this year (in August and November 2022), the Province of Dinagat Islands was warned against and had to brace for possible indefinite blackout/severe power regulation due to pending issues between the National Power Corporation and its main fuel supplier.

Being an island province, a steady supply of electricity is essential for the district for a continued supply of basic services such as emergency medical services, water supply, and telecommunication. In the event of fuel shortage in the island, the people need a reliable source unhampered by the challenge of transportation and/or availability of fuel.

While efforts and studies are still being made towards the creation of wind, solar, and other renewable sources of energy, the establishment of submarine electric cables from mainland Mindanao to the island province will provide an efficient and effective solution to energy crisis, as well as provide a reliable backup to the current main source.

The pressing need of the Province of Dinagat Island for a stable, reliable, and fast supply of electricity makes the construction and installation of submarine electric cables a priority measure. In view thereof, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A
SUBMARINE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION LINE FROM MAINLAND MINDANAO
TO THE PROVINCE OF DINAGAT ISLANDS
AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 SECTION 1. *Construction and Implementation*– The construction and installation of a
2 Submarine Electric Cable Distribution Line from mainland Mindanao to the Province of
3 Dinagat Islands shall hereby be implemented.

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5 SEC. 2. *Study, IRR* – For the purpose of compliance of this Act, the Department of Energy
6 (DOE) and/or the National Electrification Administration (NEA) shall conduct the necessary
7 and appropriate studies to determine the most efficient location for both points of the
8 Submarine Electric Cable Distribution Line and the necessary implementing rules and
9 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act, including the establishment of
10 necessary support facilities.

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12 SEC. 3. *Appropriation* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be
13 appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year immediately following its
14 enactment into law and thereafter.

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16 SEC. 4. *Separability Clause* – If any provision, or part hereof, is held invalid or
17 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision that is not otherwise affected shall
18 remain valid and subsisting.

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20 SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause* – All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations, memoranda or
21 circulars inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
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Approved,