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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. 10992

Introduced by Representative Christian Tell A. Yap

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Economic zones are enclaves of economic activity spread throughout strategic locations in the Philippines, designed to promote and cultivate economic growth, attracting both local and foreign investments by way of tax incentives and special regulatory policies. These economic hubs provide thousands of job opportunities to local communities and are major contributors to both national and local economies.

Tarlac is located in the heart of Central Luzon. The province is traversed by major expressways via the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), Tarlac-Pangasinan-La-Union Expressway (TPLEX), and Central Luzon Link Expressway (CLLEX). The province as such is a critical convergence point not only for economic activities but for Filipinos residing or travelling to and from Northern Luzon and Metro Manila.

As of October 2024, the province of Tarlac hosts seven (7) economic zones, including part of the Clark Freeport and Special Economic Zone, Central Technopark, Filinvest Innovation Park, Luisita Industrial Park, Robinsons Luisita, Tarlac Provincial Information Technology Park, and the Victoria Industrial Park. These economic zones produce diverse products and services from electric vehicle (EV) batteries and storage systems to information technology and business process outsourcing (IT-BPO), from both local and foreign investors. As a major contributor to our economy, support to economic zones must be further enhanced.

This bill is filed to establish an economic expressway interconnectivity network in the province of Tarlac, benefitting by extension the whole Central Luzon Region. This bill intends to open certain points in expressways for ingress and egress exclusive for industrial parks and economic zones as nominated by the Provincial Government of Tarlac to improve economic activity and serve as a benchmark for transport systems innovation in the country.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF TARLAC TO
NOMINATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EGRESS AND INGRESS POINTS
EXCLUSIVE TO INDUSTRIAL PARKS AND ECONOMIC ZONES WITHIN
EXPRESSWAYS UNDER THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE PROVINCE
OF TARLAC

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

Section 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "*Tarlac Expressway Economic Interconnectivity Network*."

Sec. 2. Tarlac Economic Interconnectivity Network. – The Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) shall be mandated to require toll operators of Philippine Expressway Networks to provide ingress and egress points exclusive to industrial parks and economic zones within expressways traversing the province of Tarlac, in adherence to international rules, regulations and best practices on the operation of toll plazas.

Sec. 3 Authority to Nominate Egress and Ingress Points. – The Provincial Government of Tarlac, through the recommendation of the host municipality and in coordination with the TRB, shall be authorized to nominate the establishment of egress and ingress points within expressways under the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Tarlac for the exclusive use of economic zones and industrial parks.

Sec. 4. Road Networks and Infrastructure. – The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall promote economic interconnectivity and provide road network planning, construction and support by developing road networks and infrastructure to and from economic zones, industrial parks and toll exits.

1 **Sec. 5. *Implementing Rules and Guidelines.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the
2 effectivity of this Act, the Department of Transportation (DOTR), in consultation with the TRB,
3 the DPWH and the Provincial Government of Tarlac, shall formulate the rules and regulations to
4 effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

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6 **Sec. 6. *Separability Clause.*** - If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is
7 held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected
8 thereby.

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

12 **Sec. 8. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
13 publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,