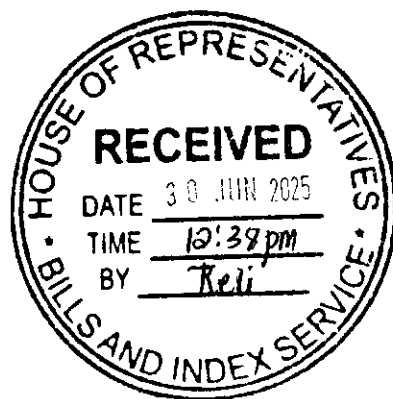




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Ipil, the capital of the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, functions as both the commercial and administrative center of the province and serves as a strategic gateway to the Zamboanga Peninsula.

This legislative measure seeks to mandate the development of the airport situated in Barangay Sanito, Municipality of Ipil, in recognition of its critical role in enhancing regional connectivity, supporting economic growth, and facilitating the movement of people and goods across the region.

The establishment of a modern, functional airport in the province will serve as a vital infrastructure investment that will improve access to markets, boost local tourism, generate employment, and enhance disaster response capabilities.

By designating the Department of Transportation (DOTr) as the lead implementing agency, this bill ensures that the project will be planned and executed in accordance with national standards and long-term transport strategies. The provision for the appropriation of necessary funds underscores the State’s commitment to inclusive growth and infrastructure progress. The development of an airport in Ipil aligns with the government’s commitment to regional expansion and inclusive growth, particularly in Mindanao.

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

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AIRPORT LOCATED IN
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SIBUGAY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

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2 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** - This Act shall be known as the “*Ipil Airport Development*
3 *Act.*”
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5 **SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
6 promote regional expansion and accessibility by improving air transport infrastructure in
7 underdeveloped and underserved areas. In line with this policy, the development of the airport
8 located in Barangay Sanito, Municipality of Ipil, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, shall be
9 undertaken to support the region's socio-economic progress, strengthen disaster preparedness and
10 response capabilities, and ensure greater accessibility and integration of the province with other
11 parts of the country.
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13 **SECTION 3. *Development of the Ipil Airport.*** - The Department of Transportation
14 (DOTr) shall be the primary implementing agency for the development, construction,

1 improvement, and modernization of the airport located in Barangay Sanito, Municipality of Ipil,
2 Province of Zamboanga Sibugay.

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4 The DOTr shall undertake all necessary planning, coordination, and execution of works
5 related to the airport's development, including but not limited to the conduct of feasibility studies,
6 acquisition of land, procurement of services, construction of facilities, installation of equipment,
7 and other related activities.

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9 In the implementation of this Act, the DOTr may coordinate with other relevant national
10 government agencies, local government units, and private sector partners, consistent with
11 applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

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13 **SECTION 4. Appropriations.** - The amount necessary for the initial implementation of
14 this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Department of
15 Transportation. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of
16 this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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18 **SECTION 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within ninety (90) days from the
19 effectivity of this Act, the DOTr, in coordination with CAAP and other concerned agencies, shall
20 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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22 **SECTION 6. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is declared
23 unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force
24 and effect.

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

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

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33 *Approved,*