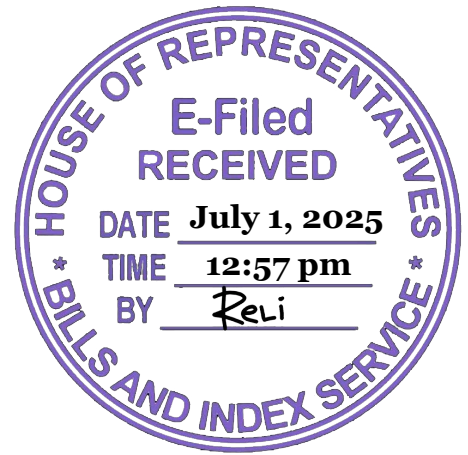


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HOUSE BILL NO. 790



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE MERCEDES K. ALVAREZ, MNSA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a domestic and commercial airport in the City of Kabankalan, Province of Negros Occidental, to be known as the Kabankalan City Domestic Airport.

The City of Kabankalan, next to the City of Bacolod, has the highest gross and net income in the province of Negros Occidental and serves as the hub of economic activities in Southern Negros and also connects Negros Oriental to Negros Occidental. At present, it takes at least two hours to travel by land from Bacolod-Silay International Airport to the City of Kabankalan.

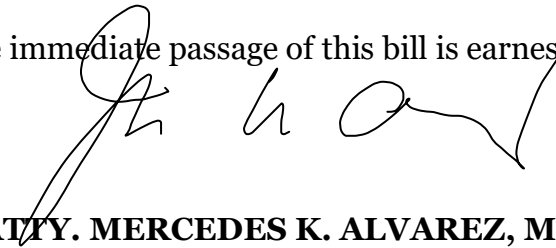
The geographic location of the City of Kabankalan is ideal as an economic hub for the south. It is at the crossroads of routes to Mabinay in the east, Ilog in the west, and the fast-growing Himamaylan in the north. Additionally, the city has direct connections to Bayawan and Ayungon.

Operationalizing the Kabankalan City Domestic Airport shall serve as a tourism and economic gateway, aside from Bacolod-Silay International Airport, in Negros Occidental. Once completed and operationalized, it will be the second airport in Negros Occidental after the Bacolod-Silay International Airport, and the third in the Negros Island Region.

The 104-hectare airport construction commenced in 2007 in Barangay Hilamonan, Kanabkalan City, through local government funding. Subsequently, the Department of Transportation initially funded the construction of the runway but due to lack of appropriation over the years, the said construction has been delayed.

The establishment of the Kabankalan City Domestic Airport is in line with Republic Act No. 12000, otherwise known as the Negros Island Region Act, which mandates the State to promote efficiency in the government to enable it to pursue programs consistent with national goals for accelerated social and economic development.

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



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CITY OF KABANKALAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE
KNOWN AS THE KABANKALAN CITY DOMESTIC AIRPORT AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 Section 1. The Kabankalan City Domestic Airport is hereby established in
2 Barangay Hilamonan, City of Kabankalan, Province of Negros Occidental.

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4 Sec. 2. The establishment of the Kabankalan City Domestic Airport shall be
5 implemented by the Department of Transportation.

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7 Sec. 3. The amount necessary for the implementation of the establishment of
8 the Kabankalan City Domestic Airport shall be appropriated in the General
9 Appropriations Act.

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11 Sec. 4. If any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional,
12 the remaining parts of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in
13 full force and effect.

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15 Sec. 5. All other laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and other
16 administrative issuances, rules, regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent

1 with the provisions of this Act are hereby modified, superseded, or repealed
2 accordingly.

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4 Sec. 6. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be
5 charged to the appropriation of the Department of Transportation under the current
6 General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the
7 operation and maintenance of the Kabankalan City Domestic Airport shall be included
8 in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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10 Sec. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the
11 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,