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House Bill No. 899



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is not unknown to many that Biliran Province is made up of a group of islands. To realize its full tourism potential, the necessary infrastructure must be provided. And with the passage of RA 10409, otherwise known as "An Act Declaring the Province of Biliran as Tourism Development Area and providing funds therefor," it is expected that more foreign and local tourists will be enticed to explore the island.

This bill seeks to provide for the development, rehabilitation, and modernization of Naval Airport in the Province of Biliran, being the capital town that serves as the center of trade and commerce in the province. Developing and upgrading the airport's capability to handle commercial aircraft will create more business opportunities, which would redound to the greater benefit of the province.

Furthermore, Province of Biliran is located in the Eastern Visayas Region and it is frequently hit by typhoons and other natural calamities. During this period, calamity assistance can be easily delivered and availed by the eight (8) island municipalities of Biliran including the nearby provinces if there is a complete airport facility in the area.

Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, REHABILITATION AND
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AND TO ALLOCATE FUNDS THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. To enhance tourism, trade and commerce in the province, the Naval Airport in the Province of Biliran shall be developed, rehabilitated and modernized.

SEC. 2. In times of calamity assistance, Naval Airport, being located in the center of trade and commerce can facilitate the fast delivery of services and assistance to the eight (8) island municipalities in Biliran and to other nearby provinces thereof.

SEC 3. For the purpose of compliance of this Act, the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines or the Department of Transportation and Communications shall formulate and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act, including the necessary support facilities such as construction of terminal building and all other equipment indispensably required.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.