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Introduced by **Hon. Janice V. Degamo**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Siaton, located at the southernmost tip of Negros Oriental, is strategically positioned to serve as a major logistics and transport hub in the Visayas–Mindanao corridor. The existing port at Tambobo Bay has demonstrated its potential as a viable Roll-On/Roll-Off (RORO) gateway and maritime cargo node, particularly with the recent opening of the Siaton-Dapitan route.

Establishing a fully developed Tambobo Bay Port and Logistics Hub will promote inter-island trade, generate employment, decongest the overburdened Dumaguete Port, and catalyze economic development not only in Siaton but also across southern Negros Oriental. This measure seeks to institutionalize the development of the port and logistics hub through dedicated national government support.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE TAMBOBO BAY PORT AND LOGISTICS HUB IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIATON, NEGROS ORIENTAL, PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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 "Tambobo Bay Port and Logistics Hub Act."

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote regional economic development by enhancing transportation and logistics infrastructure. The establishment of the Tambobo Bay Port and Logistics Hub in Siaton, Negros Oriental shall support economic activity, facilitate the efficient movement of goods and people, enhance inter-island connectivity, and contribute to national development goals.

Section 3. *Establishment of the Tambobo Bay Port and Logistics Hub.* There is hereby established a port and logistics hub in Barangay Bonbonon, Municipality of Siaton, Province of Negros Oriental, to be known as the Tambobo Bay Port and Logistics Hub. The hub shall consist of port facilities, cargo handling terminals, container yards, cold storage areas, logistics centers, access roads, and other support infrastructure which will cater to the movement of people, goods, and other essential services.

Section 4. *Implementing Agency.* The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), in coordination with the Department of Transportation (DOTr), the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Tourism (DOT), Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Authority (TIEZA), and other relevant agencies, shall be the lead implementing agency responsible for the planning, development, operation, and maintenance of the Tambobo Bay Port and Logistics Hub.

Section 5. *Site Development and Master Plan.* Within six (6) months of the effectivity of this Act, the PPA, DOTr, DPWH, DOT, and other appropriate agencies shall prepare a comprehensive development master plan for the port and logistics hub in coordination and in consultation with the Provincial Government of Negros Oriental, stakeholders, and the private sector. The master plan shall include provisions for environmental protection, sustainable infrastructure, disaster resilience, and potential public-private partnerships.

Section 6. *Budget and Appropriations.* The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the PPA for the immediate completion and operations of the Tambobo Bay Port and Logistics Hub. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA)

Section 7. *Local Government Support.* The Provincial Government of Negros Oriental shall assist in the implementation of this Act, including the provision of land, support services, local permits, and coordination with community stakeholders.

Section 8. *Public-Private Partnerships.* The PPA may enter into joint ventures or public-private partnerships (PPP) for the financing, construction, and operation of facilities within the logistics hub, subject to the provisions of Republic Act No. 11966 or the Public-Private Partnership Code of the Philippines and other existing laws, rules, and regulations.

Section 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the PPA, DOTr, and DPWH shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the construction, establishment, operations, and maintenance of the Tambobo Bay Port and Logistics Hub.

Section 10. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

Section 11. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 12. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,