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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4404



Introduced by **Representative RAYMOND ADRIAN SALCEDA**

AN ACT
PROMOTING THE ENTRY AND GROWTH OF STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS IN
THE COUNTRY, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE THE GREEN LANES FOR
STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS, PROVIDING A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT AND
PACKAGING OF INCENTIVES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Foreign and domestic investments are indispensable to the country's economic growth, job creation, and technology transfer. While the Philippines enjoys clear advantages — such as a young and English-speaking workforce, preferential trade access, and a growing consumer market — the reality is that the country still lags behind its ASEAN peers in attracting and retaining strategic investors. A major reason is the fragmentation of government processes, which forces investors to navigate multiple agencies without a clear first point of contact, resulting in delays, uncertainty, and lost opportunities.

Republic Act No. 9485, as amended by Republic Act No. 11032 or the "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018," created the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) and mandated the establishment of one-stop shops. Similarly, Republic Act No. 11534, otherwise known as the "Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) Act," introduced a rationalized and performance-based fiscal incentives system under Title XIII of the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC) of 1997, as amended. Notably, Section 300 of the NIRC authorizes the Board of Investments (BOI) to administer the registration of enterprises engaged in activities listed under the Strategic Investment Priority Plan (SIPP), while Section 301 requires the publication of the SIPP and the corresponding incentives available to qualified investors.

Despite these reforms, the investment experience remains burdensome because procedures for fiscal incentives and business permits remain siloed. Investors are left without a "front door" to government — a single entity empowered to receive applications, advise on available incentives, and coordinate across agencies.

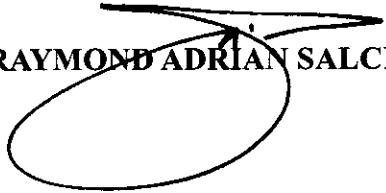
This bill seeks to institutionalize the “Green Lanes for Strategic Investments” by establishing a One-Stop Action Center for Strategic Investments (OSAC-SI) at the Department of Trade and Industry–Board of Investments. The OSAC-SI will serve as the first point of contact for investors, mandated to:

1. Receive and endorse applications to relevant government agencies and local government units;
2. Monitor the processing of permits, licenses, and authorizations, and report undue delays to ARTA;
3. Provide pre-investment advisory services, including a clear presentation of available tax and non-tax incentives under Title XIII of the NIRC, as amended by the CREATE Act;
4. Coordinate with the BOI and the Fiscal Incentives Review Board (FIRB) to package incentives coherently, ensuring that investors receive a consolidated view of benefits and obligations; and
5. Deliver aftercare services to support expansions, reinvestments, and long-term investor confidence.

The Green Lanes system ensures that strategic projects — whether highly desirable projects identified by NEDA, foreign direct investments endorsed by the Investment Promotion Coordination Committee, or priority activities listed under the SIPP — will no longer be delayed by excessive red tape. Instead, such projects will be processed through an integrated lane that combines permitting facilitation with incentive packaging.

By providing a single point of entry, aligning facilitation with fiscal incentives under the CREATE Act, and mandating the packaging of incentives for prospective investors, this measure sends a clear signal: the Philippines is open, competitive, and ready to welcome strategic capital.

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


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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 “Green Lanes for Strategic Investments Act.”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is the policy of the State to promote and facilitate strategic investments that:

- (a) Are aligned with the Philippine Development Plan or similar national development frameworks;
- (b) Generate significant capital or investment with consequential economic impact;
- (c) Contribute positively to employment, infrastructure, the environment, and the balance of payments; and
- (d) Strengthen the country’s competitiveness by ensuring that strategic investors encounter a predictable, transparent, and responsive government process.

To this end, the State shall establish a single point of contact for investors, streamline permitting and licensing processes, and align such facilitation with the incentives regime under Title XIII of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended by Republic Act No. 11534 or the “CREATE Act.”

SEC. 3. *Coverage.* This Act shall apply to all national government agencies (NGAs), government-owned or -controlled corporations (GOCCs), other government instrumentalities,

and local government units (LGUs) involved in the issuance of permits, licenses, certifications, authorizations, or approvals required for Strategic Investments.

SEC. 4. *Strategic Investments*. Strategic Investments shall include:

- (a) Highly Desirable Projects — projects recommended by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) or the Fiscal Incentives Review Board (FIRB) based on their high developmental impact and alignment with the Philippine Development Plan;
- (b) Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs) — those endorsed by the Inter-Agency Investment Promotion Coordination Committee and consistent with the Foreign Investments Act and promotion plan;
- (c) Projects listed under the Strategic Investment Priority Plan (SIPP) — as provided under Sections 300 and 301 of the NIRC, as amended by the CREATE Act, and approved by the President; and
- (d) Other projects declared by the President upon recommendation of the NEDA, BOI, or FIRB.

SEC. 5. *Single Point of Entry*. Within six (6) months from effectivity, the Department of Trade and Industry–Board of Investments (DTI–BOI) shall establish a One-Stop Action Center for Strategic Investments (OSAC-SI) to serve as the first point of contact for all prospective and registered investors in Strategic Investments.

The OSAC-SI shall:

- (1) Receive and endorse applications to concerned agencies and LGUs;
- (2) Monitor the processing of applications and report delays to the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA);
- (3) Provide pre-investment advisory services, including guidance on eligibility for incentives under Title XIII of the NIRC (as amended by the CREATE Act);
- (4) Coordinate with the FIRB and BOI to package incentives for investors consistent with the SIPP; and
- (5) Provide post-investment services, including expansion support and aftercare.

SEC. 6. *Packaging of Incentives*. The OSAC-SI shall ensure that all strategic investors are presented with a comprehensive and coherent package of incentives, including:

- (a) Tax incentives under the CREATE Act, such as Income Tax Holiday (Sec. 295), Special Corporate Income Tax (Sec. 296), and enhanced deductions (Sec. 297);
- (b) Customs duty exemptions for capital equipment and raw materials under Section 295(C) of the NIRC, as amended;

(c) Non-fiscal support including access to government training programs, infrastructure coordination, and investment promotion privileges; and

(d) Any additional support consistent with national policies and approved by the FIRB.

SEC. 7. *Green Lanes*. All NGAs, GOCCs, instrumentalities, and LGUs shall designate Green Lanes for Strategic Investments within their offices to ensure expeditious processing of permits, licenses, and approvals. These shall operate in coordination with the OSAC-SI.

SEC. 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*. — Within ninety (90) days from effectivity, the DTI-BOI, in consultation with ARTA, FIRB, NEDA, DOF, and relevant stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations.

SEC. 9. *Separability Clause*. If any provision of this Act is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in force and effect.

SEC. 10. *Repealing Clause*. All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. *Effectivity*. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,