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House Bill No. **11287**



Introduced by **Representative ERIC G. YAP**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish at least one (1) Flight Standards Inspectorate Centers (FSIC) each in Visayas and Mindanao under the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP). It amends Republic Act (RA) No. 9497, otherwise known as the "*Civil Aviation Authority Act of 2008*", and strengthens CAAP's capacity to implement and enforce civil aviation safety standards.

CAAP is mandated to regulate, supervise, and oversee civil aviation activities in the country. The concentration of a single FSIC in just one (1) region constrains the timely conduct of surveillance, certification, licensing, and other regulatory processes in distant areas. Thus, establishing additional FSICs shall provide extension services for these functions in Visayas and Mindanao.

The proposed measure establishes FSICs which shall abide by International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Standards and Recommended Practices. They shall also certify commercial air transport and general aviation operators, approve training and maintenance organizations, and issue airmen licenses to qualified applicants within Visayas and Mindanao. This improves regulatory accessibility, strengthens monitoring capability, and allows the CAAP to deliver aviation safety services more efficiently.

For an archipelagic nation where distance and geography often determine access to services and opportunities, the State must continue to improve the capacity of its aviation institutions to deliver timely and effective regulatory oversight. This vital piece of legislation brings aviation safety functions closer to the people and industries that depend on them. It strengthens the foundation of public trust in air transportation, supports balanced regional development, and safeguards the continued growth of Philippine civil aviation.

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



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AN ACT
CREATING FLIGHT STANDARDS INSPECTORATE CENTERS UNDER THE
CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN VISAYAS AND IN
MINDANAO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9497,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY ACT OF 2008”,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. A new Section 41 is hereby inserted after Section 40 of Republic Act No. 9497, otherwise known as the “*Civil Aviation Authority of 2008*”, to read as follows:

“SEC. 41. FLIGHT STANDARDS INSPECTORATE CENTERS. -
THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH,
OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN AT LEAST ONE (1) FLIGHT
STANDARDS INSPECTORATE CENTER (FSIC) EACH IN VISAYAS
AND IN MINDANAO. THE FSIC SHALL BE HEADED BY A CENTER
DIRECTOR, WHO MAY BE ASSISTED BY ONE (1) ASSISTANT
CENTER DIRECTOR.

“THE FSIC SHALL HAVE, WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE
REGIONS, THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

“(A) MANAGE ALL THE ACTIVITIES AND PERSONNEL
OF FSIC;

“(B) PROMOTE CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY THROUGH
PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS AND
CONDUCT OF PROMPT, SUSTAINED, AND CONSISTENT
SURVEILLANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ICAO
STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICE;

“(C) CERTIFY COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORT AND
GENERAL AVIATION OPERATORS AND APPROVE
TRAINING ORGANIZATIONS AND MAINTENANCE
ORGANIZATIONS;

“(D) ISSUE AIRMEN LICENSES TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS;

“(E) HARMONIZE OPERATING REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION AMONG THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS; AND

“(F) PERFORM SUCH OTHER POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY LAW OR ASSIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL.”

SEC. 2. All succeeding sections of this Act shall be renumbered accordingly.

SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – For the effective implementation of this Act, Department of Transportation, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Tourism, Department of Finance, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Interior and Local Government, and other concerned agencies shall, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, promulgate the implementing rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such declaration shall not invalidate other parts thereof which shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general application.

Approved,