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HOUSE BILL NO. 4102



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Introduced by **HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to develop and upgrade the Clark International Airport.

The Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) is considered the country's premier international airport. However, NAIA has already reached its maximum capacity giving rise to frequent flight delays. Having only four terminals, NAIA is heavily congested with a total passenger traffic of over 36 million in 2015, exceeding its annual passenger capacity of 31.5 million.

If the government fails to address the capacity constraints at NAIA, the country will continue to suffer from loss of opportunities, reduced travel options and unappealing business. There is therefore a need to look for an alternative airport which will augment the needs of the passengers in NAIA. Clark International Airport is the logical choice to help decongest NAIA. Clark International Airport is already fully operational. It has a long runway and has the expansion capacity within its 2,400 hectares of land. It also has the advantage of 30-minute proximity to Metro Manila. As a whole, Clark is a beautiful tourist destination which offers family resorts, good restaurants, luxurious hotels and casinos, and sprawling golf courses.

To lessen the air traffic congestion in NAIA, it is imperative to modernize, improve and develop Clark International Airport. This bill empowers the Bases Conversion Development Authority to prepare and implement an airport master plan that will provide a feasibility study, engineering design, improvement of existing runway, construction of terminal building with appurtenances thereto, installation of navigation and lighting facilities, construction of a railway system that will connect NAIA to Clark International Airport. All these will greatly help make Clark International Airport a premier international airport, and together with NAIA, will attract more investors and pave the way for global opportunities for growth not only in Metro Manila and Pampanga but in the whole country as well.

In view of the forgoing, approval of this bill is highly and earnestly recommended.

  
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**AN ACT**

**PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND UPGRADING OF THE CLARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN PAMPANGA TO ACCOMMODATE MORE INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC FLIGHTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*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 “*Clark International Airport Development Act.*”

SEC. 2. ***Declaration of Policy.*** – It is the policy of the State to undertake a comprehensive and reliable program that enhances tourism, trade and commerce in the country by providing standardized and modernized flights, ground equipment and airport runways for safe and harmonious travel for all.

SEC.3. ***Clark International Airport.*** – For purposes of this Act, the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) shall cause to develop and upgrade the Clark International Airport in order to accommodate more international and domestic flights and to decongest the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA).

SEC. 4. ***Clark International Airport Master Plan.*** – The BCDA shall, in coordination with the Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC), prepare, formulate and develop the Clark International Airport master plan which aims to reach

1 the terminal capacity to forty-six (46) million passengers per annum by the year 2025.  
2 The master plan shall cover feasibility study, engineering design, improvement of  
3 existing runway, construction of terminal building with appurtenances thereto,  
4 installation of navigation and lighting facilities and all the equipment indispensably  
5 required thereto. The master plan shall include the construction of a railway system  
6 that connects Ninoy Aquino International Airport to Clark International Airport.

7 SEC.5. **Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the effective  
8 implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Bases  
9 Conversion and Development Authority. Thereafter, such sum as maybe needed for  
10 the operation and maintenance of the airport shall be included in the annual General  
11 appropriations Act.

12 SEC.6. **Implementing Rules and Regulations.** –Within ninety (90) days  
13 from the approval of this Act, the Bases Conversion Development Authority in  
14 coordination with the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines shall formulate and  
15 issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.  
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17 SEC.9. **Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
18 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

19 Approved,