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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish a domestic airport in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Camarines Sur to be known as the Partido Domestic Airport.

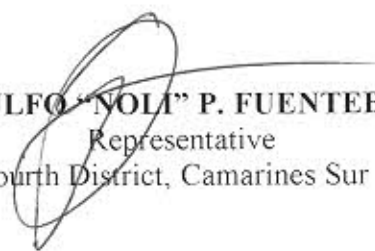
Based on the Master Plan prepared by the Partido Development Administration, there is a need to establish an airport in the said municipality in order to spur economic growth and further boost tourism activities in the Fourth Congressional District of Camarines Sur commonly known as the Partido District.

The proposed airport will effectively serve as a vital link to world-class national tourism zones in the Province of Camarines Sur like the Atulayan Island in the Municipality of Sagnay and the famous site of international television show, Survivor Series, in the Municipality of Caramoan, the Partido Riviera (Sagnay-Tiwi Road), the most scenic tourism highway in the world, the Dolo Port in the Municipality of San Jose and the Nato Port in the Municipality of Sagnay. It will also provide a more convenient access to secondary and tertiary educational institutions in Camarines Sur, the Philippine Science High School – Bicol Campus and the Partido State University respectively, both located in the Municipality of Goa, Camarines Sur.

The Master Plan also revealed a more detailed and interesting finding that the airport will ensure the safety of the passengers for the reasons that it is (a) surrounded by the plains; (b) along the coast of Lagonoy Gulf; and (c) far distant from Mount Isarog. This geographic situation therefore, apparently secures the aircraft's landing and take-off with a minimal possibility of turbulence and haste. It will also provide a safer alternative to the Naga Airport, which has a very short runway.

It is worthy to mention that in 2010, Secretary Jose P. De Jesus of the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC), cognizant of the tourism boom in the Partido Area, had already requested the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for the release of the allocation for the development of this proposed airport. However, the dreams and aspirations of the people to have an airport that will trigger the growth and development in the Partido Area unfortunately, died with his sudden departure from the Cabinet.

The foregoing reasons the approval of this bill.



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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A DOMESTIC AIRPORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE PARTIDO DOMESTIC AIRPORT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** There is hereby established a domestic airport in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Camarines Sur to be known as the Partido Domestic Airport (PDA).

**SEC. 2.** The Department of Transportation (DOT) hereinafter be called as the Department, shall undertake the planning and design, construction and acquisition of the airport site in Barangays Telegrafo and Manzana, Municipality of San Jose, Camarines Sur.

The Department shall be responsible for the maintenance and operation, improvement and other related works in the airport subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

**SEC. 3.** The amount necessary to implement this Act shall be charged against the annual appropriation of the Department of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

**SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*