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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6354

By Representatives Mandanas and Agyao, per Committee Report No. 2262

AN ACT PLACING THE FERNANDO AIR BASE IN LIPA CITY, BATANGAS, UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BCDA) TO BE UTILIZED FOR OTHER PRODUCTIVE AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) is hereby authorized to include the Fernando Air Base in Lipa City, Batangas in the list of military reservations to be utilized for productive and commercial purposes: *Provided*, That the ownership of the real property comprising the breadth of the Fernando Air Base shall remain with the Philippine Air Force (PAF) under the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

Pursuant thereto, the Fernando Air Base shall be converted into a dual-use airport which shall serve the Southern Tagalog Region and function as a subsidiary airport to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) to be implemented under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Program or other programs being implemented by the government.

SEC. 2. The BCDA shall collect a management fee as payment for its services and shall be entitled to a share of the proceeds in the development of the Fernando Air Base which entitlement should be commensurate to the

resources and expertise that it shall invest into the development of the Fernando Air Base.

- SEC. 3. The BCDA shall encourage the active participation of the private sector in transforming the Fernando Air Base military reservation and their extensions into other productive and commercial purposes.
- SEC. 4. The BCDA shall also establish a mechanism in coordination with appropriate local government units to effect meaningful consultation regarding plans, programs and projects within the region where such plans, programs and/or project developments are part of the conversion of the Fernando Air Base military reservation and their extensions and surrounding communities, as envisioned in this Act.
- SEC. 5. The Department of National Defense (DND), the AFP, the PAF and the BCDA, in consultation with the City of Lipa, shall issue within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act the rules and regulations necessary for the proper implementation of this Act, taking into consideration the safety, base security, strategic compatibility and physical impact of the defense and military establishment.
- SEC. 6. All laws, decrees, executive orders, administrative orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 7. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.
- SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,