



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 613



Introduced by Representative **GERALDINE B. ROMAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to designate one (1) director in the Board of Directors of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) to represent the Municipality of Dinalupihan, Province of Bataan.

Subic Special Economic and Freeport Zone, simply known as Subic Bay Freeport Zone (SBFZ), is the Philippines' first successful case of a U.S. military base converted through volunteerism into a tax-and duty-free zone similar to Hong Kong and Singapore. SBFZ continue to be one of the country's major economic engines with more than 700 investment projects, including the fourth largest shipbuilding facility in the world, the Hanjin Heavy Industries and Construction.

Section 13 Republic Act (RA) No. 7227, otherwise known as the "Bases Conversion and Development Act of 1992," created the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) as the implementing arm of the national government to operate and manage the SBFZ thru its fifteen members of the Board of Directors. The freeport covers the fenced area of the former U.S. Naval Base in Subic Bay surrounded by the municipality of Subic and Olongapo City in the Province of Zambales and the municipalities of Hermosa and Morong in the Province of Bataan, with the concurrence of their Sangguniang Bayan pursuant to Section 12 of RA 7227.

Aside from the Municipality of Dinalupihan being contiguous to SBFZ, a recent survey conducted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shows that large portions of the land belonging to the municipality have been included in the SBFZ for development and commercial use by SBFZ since its inception in 1992. Thus, the local government of Dinalupihan wants to have one

seat as director in the SBMA that will represent the Municipality of Dinalupihan to protect its land assets and interests in order to ensure that the municipality shall receive a decent and profitable return of its resources invested in the SBFZ.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT
DESIGNATING ONE SEAT IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SUBIC BAY METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY TO
REPRESENT THE MUNICIPALITY OF DINALUPIHAN,
PROVINCE OF BATAAN AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7227, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BASES
CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1992, AS
AMENDED"

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph C of Section 13 of Republic Act No. 7227, otherwise known as the "Bases Conversion and Development Act of 1992, as Amended," is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 13. The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority. – (a) x x x

(b) x x x

(c) Board of Directors. – The powers of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be composed of fifteen (15) members, to wit:

(1) ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF DINALUPIHAN AND OTHER [R]representatives of the local government units that concur to join the Subic Economic Zone;

X

X

X.”

SEC. 2. **Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. **Separability Clause.** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,