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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

In the past years, the humble Municipality of Placer, Province of Masbate has been making waves in the conduct of festivals. Represented by a group of local volunteers, ranging in age from the young to the young at heart, Placer's Tribu Himag-ulaw has been consistently and successfully reaping awards in street-dancing competitions held in various locations within Bicol Region.

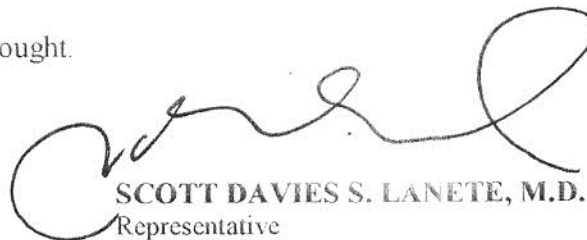
Apart from providing year-round entertainment to both locals and tourists in Placer, the proud municipality's luscious and virgin white sand beaches boasting of exotic flora and fauna are not to be forgotten as major source of entertainment.

Situated at the southern portion of the island of Masbate, Placer boasts of huge economic and tourist potential due to its location. It is surrounded by neighboring municipalities such as Cawayan, Pio V. Corpuz, Cataingan, Palanas and Dimasalang. Placer is also accessible via the sea to neighboring economic spots such as the provinces of Cebu and Iloilo.

As it is, Placer is filled with a lot of potential to become the province's center for tourism. However, its current state leaves much to be desired as it is hampered with transportation problems. The nearest airport, the Moises Espinosa Airport, is about two to three hours by road from Placer. Worse, the Moises Espinosa Airport only caters to one flight a day and it is the only airport in the island of Masbate. Thus, there is a need to establish a new airport and Placer is the most ideal location.

This bill seeks to establish an airport in the Municipality of Placer, Masbate. By doing so, the entire island of Masbate will be more accessible to the public and this in turn, will spur economic growth in the province.

Hence, the passage of this bill is urgently sought.



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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PLACER AIRPORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
PLACER, PROVINCE OF MASBATE 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 "Placer, Masbate Airport Act."

Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote a sustainable tourism industry.

Sec. 3. *Establishment of Placer Airport.* In accordance with the foregoing declared policy, there is hereby established in the Municipality of Placer, Province of Masbate, an airport to be known as the Placer Airport.

Sec 4. *Operationalization.* The Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications shall include in its program the establishment and operationalization of the Placer Airport.

Sec. 5. *Fund.* To carry out the purposes of this Act, there shall be created a special fund called the Placer Airport Fund, which shall be sourced from the General Appropriations Act of this year.

Sec. 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Sec. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,