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HOUSE BILL NO. **56**

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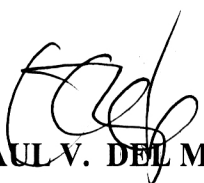
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The attached bill seeks the construction and operation of a Light Rail Transport (LRT) or Monorail or any other appropriate modern Mass Transport System in Cebu City and Metro Cebu.

Current economic activities in Cebu put in sharp focus the development potentials of the area, particularly the City of Cebu and Metro Cebu, towards making it a prime growth center and more. This kind of potential and this kind of development, however, give rise to some areas of concern. With Cebu's projected growth, even the construction and improvement of basic infrastructures: roads, bridges and flood control facilities in selected areas to alleviate the serious traffic situation now obtaining will not be adequate in the near future, given the increasing and widening areas of traffic.

The common perception is that the traffic situation in Cebu, considering the economic growth trends, population explosion rates and migration factors, will reach a level where a modern mass transit system must be put in place. It is in this context that an LRT or Monorail or any other appropriate modern Mass Transport System is proposed, a mass transport scheme that realistically looks into the "not too instant future", anticipating the requirements of an ever expanding metropolis.

Approval of the bill is therefore earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A LIGHT RAIL TRANSPORT (LRT) OR MONORAIL OR
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CEBU CITY AND METRO CEBU AND A RAILWAY SYSTEM FROM CEBU
CITY TO THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN TIPS OF THE PROVINCE OF
CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be a Light Rail Transport (LRT) or monorail or any other appropriate modern mass transport system in Cebu City and Metro Cebu to be provided by the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC).

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the DOTC shall include in its program the establishment and operationalization of a modern mass transport system in Cebu City and Metro Cebu and a railway system from Cebu City to the northern and southern tips of the Province of Cebu including the feasibility and detailed engineering studies, acquisition of sites, equipment, materials and services to be used directly for the project, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,