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HOUSE BILL NO. 1684

Introduced by Representative Nerissa Corazon Soon-Ruiz

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Cebu is among the most progressive provinces in the country. Outside Metro Manila, it is the most vibrant in terms of economic development.

The province is composed of six cities and forty-seven municipalities divided into two engineering districts under the Department of Public Works and Highways.

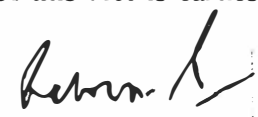
The First Engineering District covers the cities of Cebu, Mandaue, Lapu-lapu and Danao and twenty (20) municipalities situated at the northern part of the island province while the Second Engineering District covers the cities of Talisay and Toledo and twenty-seven (27) municipalities situated at the southern part.

As the economic development of the province grows every year, infrastructure projects implemented by the national government in the province also increase to keep pace with the growing needs of the province in terms of infrastructure and other physical facilities necessary to spur progress and development. Among others, flyovers have to be built to ease traffic. Farm to market roads have to be constructed to facilitate the efficient flow of agricultural products and implements to and from the market and they have to be regularly maintained to keep their good condition all year round.

As the need for infrastructure projects grow, the more it becomes difficult for the public works department to implement them. For the First Engineering District, the difficulty is more emphasized with its coverage consisting the highly urbanized cities of Cebu, Mandaue, and Lapu-lapu. As a consequence, implementation of projects sometimes incur unnecessary delays.

To solve this problem and provide the necessary attention required by the growth areas of the province, it is ideal to establish a new engineering district that would specially focus on the growth areas consisting the industrial cities of Mandaue and Lapu-lapu and the neighboring municipalities of Consolacion and Cordova. The implementation of this Act will not only benefit the Sixth District but will also relieve and First Engineering District of considerable amount of responsibility, thereby enabling the same to focus on the requirements of the cities of Cebu and Danao and the other municipalities.

In view of its necessity, the urgent approval of this Act is earnestly sought and recommended.



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**AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING DISTRICT OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS IN THE
PROVINCE OF CEBU TO COVER THE CITIES OF MANDAUE AND
LAPU-LAPU AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CONSOLACION AND
CORDOVA TO BE KNOWN AS THE THIRD ENGINEERING DISTRICT**

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

SECTION 1. The Third (3rd) Engineering District in the Province of Cebu under the Department of Public Works and Highways is hereby created to cover the cities of Mandaue and Lapu-lapu and the municipalities of Consolacion and Cordova.

SECTION 2. An appropriate site within the district shall be procured and the necessary buildings and support facilities shall be constructed to house the offices of the Third (3rd) Engineering District.

SECTION 3. Surplus personnel, resources and equipment of the existing First Engineering District shall be assigned to the Third Engineering District taking into consideration the separation of the cities of Mandaue and Lapu-lapu and the municipalities of Consolacion and Cordova from the coverage and jurisdiction of the First Engineering District. Additional personnel shall be appointed and equipment procured for the efficient operation of the Third Engineering District taking due consideration of the size and the needs of the local government units comprising the new engineering district.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall issue such orders or guidelines to implement fully the provisions of this Act and to rationalize the groupings and coverage of engineering districts of the Department in the province of Cebu after the creation of the Third Engineering District with due consideration of the size and needs of each district.

SECTION 5. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in its program the funding requirements for the operationalization of the Cebu Third Engineering District in the year following the enactment of this Act and thereafter.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved.