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House Bill No. 2828

Introduced by Hon. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

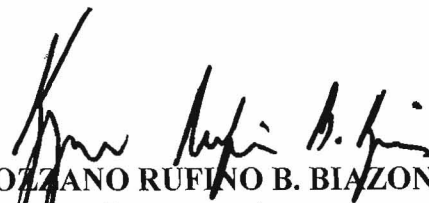
Due to its rapid growth in population and commerce, Metropolitan Manila has been treated by the State as a special development and administrative region and created as a public corporation under Presidential Decree No. 824, under the direct supervision of the Republic of the Philippines. For this purpose, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority was created in 1994 to more effectively and efficiently plan, supervise, and coordinate certain basic services affecting or involving Metro Manila, without prejudice to the autonomy of the affected local government units.

The governing board and policy making body of the MMDA is the Metro Manila Council composed of the mayors of the seventeen (17) cities and municipalities Caloocan, Manila, Quezon, Makati, Mandaluyong, Pasay, Pasig, Muntinlupa, Las Piñas, Malabon, Marikina, Valenzuela, Parañaque, Navotas, Pateros, San Juan, and Taguig, the president of the Metro Manila Vice Mayors League, and the president of the Metro Manila Councilors League.

The continuing development and deterioration of Metro Manila is a concern that the government must constantly look into. As the center of growth and power, its actions have repercussions on most of and the effects of its every ache reverberate throughout the country.

To effectively address the needs of, and resolve the ills affecting, this region, efforts must involve not only the executive, but also the legislative, branch of the government. After all, policies may also emanate from or shaped through the investigative actions of Congress, and pursued when crafted as laws by our elected lawmakers. For this matter, the House of Representatives Special Committee on Metro Manila Development is tasked to address the concerns of this special administrative region. There is, however, a need to more closely coordinate the functions of Congress with those of the MMDA, so that the shaping of policies or pursuit of directions shall be more effective, relevant, and timely. This bill proposes, then, the inclusion of the Chairman of the said special committee in the Metro Manila Council.

In view of the foregoing premises, approval of this bill is hereby earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY-NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7942 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 4. *Metro Manila Council.* - The governing board and policy making body of the MMDA shall be the Metro Manila Council, composed of the mayors of the eight (8) cities and nine (9) municipalities enumerated in Section 1 hereof, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, the president of the Metro Manila Vice Mayors League, and the president of the Metro Manila Councilors League.”

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,