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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The world has seen the advent of new and innovative ways of transmitting information and establishing communication. This phenomenon paved the way for faster, more cost efficient and from any point in the world. This enabled the faster transfer of resources, expertise and technology, which are important factors in a country's rapid growth.

It is significantly important that this phenomenon be duplicated in the transport sector. The faster physical transfer of people, produce, materials, and anything of economic value to and from the country's economic center will hasten progress and development, especially in the countryside.

This is particularly true in the North-East Luzon Region. People and products from the area are transported by land only through public utility and private motor vehicles. This mode of transportation is costly and inefficient in terms of transporting heavy cargo, masses of products and passengers. This creates the need for an alternative mode of transportation such as a railway system that would interconnect provinces and the country's economic centers to enable greater mobility for the products and people of the North East Luzon Region.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill, which seeks to establish the North Luzon Railway System connecting the various provinces of Ilocos Norte, Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Viscaya, Nueva Ecija, Bulacan and the National Capital Region, is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NORTH EAST LUZON
RAILWAY SYSTEM, UNDER THE BUILD-OPERATE-TRANSFER SCHEME,
CONNECTING THE PROVINCES OF ILOCOS NORTE, CAGAYAN, ISABELA,
NUEVA VISCAYA, NUEVA ECIJA, BULACAN AND THE NATIONAL
CAPITAL REGION, APPROPRIATING FUND THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. A railway system in the North East Luzon connecting the province of Ilocos Norte, Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Viscaya, Nueva Ecija, Bulacan and the National Capital Region shall be established.

SECTION 2. All phases in the establishment of the North East Luzon Railway System, from pre-feasibility study, full-scale feasibility study, environmental impact study, project development, construction management, and financial management, shall be undertaken by the Department of Transportation and Communication, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the North Luzon Growth Commission.

SECTION 3. All funds necessary for the establishment of the North Luzon Railway System shall be appropriated out of the appropriations of the Department of Transportation and Communications under the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. There shall be a Congressional Oversight Committee to monitor the implementation of this Act. The Oversight Committee shall be composed of five

members each from the Senate and the House of Representatives and shall be headed by the respective Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and Communication.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.