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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4857

Introduced by: **Deputy Speaker Raul V. Del Mar**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The attached bill seeks the construction of an undersea tunnel from Cebu City to Lapu Lapu City, Province of Cebu.

As the full development of the Cebu City and Province of Cebu (and its component cities) has become a matter of national concern, necessary complementary infrastructure facilities must be in place and in top shape. And any infrastructure strategy must consider the expanded and accelerated economic growth of the area.

The expansion of the Mactan-Cebu International Airport and the increase in domestic and international flights to Cebu (which is projected to increase even more in view of the new national policy of competition in the airline industry), coupled with the traffic volume flowing from an expanding growth center, point up the imperative need for additional access routes from the Mactan-Cebu International Airport to Cebu City's downtown area and the Southern Municipalities of the Province of Cebu. For accessibility is one factor that allows Cebu to keep pace with the demands of local and foreign trade and commerce and tourism.

Very soon the traffic movements across the existing Mandaue City-Lapu Lapu City roads and bridges shall exceed its accommodation capacity. But the expansion of these bridges is simply not feasible. A third bridge between Cebu City and Lapu Lapu City will likewise not be feasible because it will hamper the entry of International sea carriers into the port of Cebu City.

All told, a new approach must be adopted. In this light, the construction of a 500-meter more or less undersea tunnel, connecting Cebu City to Lapu Lapu City, Province of Cebu is perceived to be a valid option. This project may appear ambitious but this is what is called for by the traffic situation projected over the long term, given Cebu's already economic growth.

In view hereof, approval of the bill is earnestly recommended.



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERSEA TUNNEL FROM
CEBU CITY TO LAPU LAPU CITY, 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 constructed under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways an undersea tunnel from Cebu City to Lapu Lapu City, Province of Cebu.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the construction and completion of the undersea tunnel and the connecting two-kilometer coastway, including feasibility and detailed engineering studies, acquisition of sites, equipment, materials and services to be used directly for the project, shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways under the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval

Approved