



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4239

Introduced by Honorable Roger Gaviola Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Being the most popular public transport system, railway should be adopted as a mode of transporting goods and people to complement the costly individual car and bus transport means. To adapt to this system, our country will need a network of railroads with which the trains could run on. Despite the cost that this undertaking will possibly take, the benefits that our citizens could get will probably outweigh the cost in the long run.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Gaviola Mercado", is positioned above the printed name.

ROGER GAVIOLA MERCADO



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AN ACT MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY SYSTEM NATIONWIDE THAT WILL LINK LUZON VISAYAS AND MINDANAO INCLUDING THE MAJOR ISLANDS OF THE VISAYAS SUCH AS CEBU, NEGROS, BOHOL, SAMAR, LEYTE, PANAY AND MINDORO.

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* It shall be the thrust of the Philippine government to improve the **transportation** system nationwide. Being the most popular public transport system, **railway should be adopted** as a mode of transporting goods and people to complement the **costly** individual cars.

SECTION 2. There shall **be constructed** a national railway system that will link Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao **including** the major islands of the Visayas such as Cebu, Bohol, Negros, Samar, Leyte, Panay and Mindoro islands.

SECTION 3. The Philippine National Railway shall conduct the thorough technical and feasibility study of the proposed national railway system and shall identify the route as well as **stations to be included** in the proposed system including the type and make of the **trains that shall be used** thereof and the cost of constructing the tracts and the coaches that **will be** part of the system.

SECTION 4. This Act shall **take effect** upon its approval.

Approved,