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House Bill No. 1943



Introduced by Honorable Benhur L. Salimbangon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks for the construction of an alternate international airport to be located in the municipality of Medellin, Province of Cebu. The airport will serve as an alternate to the airport already existing and operational, the Mactan Cebu International Airport (MCIA). This is an answer to the requirement that every international airport should have an alternate one.

Each day, there are thousands of passengers, locals and foreigners alike take their flights at Mactan Cebu International Airport (MCIA). The number of flights, be it domestic or international are likewise increasing. Any disruption, however in the operation of the MCIA will undoubtedly cause great repercussion not only in the air transportation industry in Cebu but likewise in Cebu's economy. An alternate airport equipped with modern, state-of the-art navigational equipments and facilities is necessary to be established in order to address contingencies in the air transportation system of MCIA.

The municipality of Medellin in the whole province of Cebu is geographically best suited as a site for the construction of an alternate airport. It has a vast area of flat land capable of addressing the requirements of an airport most especially the runway. Medellin is likewise situated in an area where it is just nearby to tourist destinations like the Bantayan Island and Malaspua Island which is being dubbed already as the virgin Boracay in the Philippines. The creation of an airport in Medellin will surely boost the tourism

and economic activities not only in the northern Cebu but likewise the neighboring provinces of Leyte and Masbate.

In view of the foregoing premises, approval of this bill is highly recommended.



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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ALTERNATE
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO MACTAN CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF MEDELLIN, 4TH DISTRICT, CEBU PROVINCE, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

Section 1. There shall be a construction of an airport that will serve as an alternate airport to Mactan Cebu International Airport in the municipality of Medellin, 4th District, Cebu province.

Section 2. The Department of Transportation and Communication shall create a task force to implement a plan of action necessary to carry out the purpose of this act.

Section 3. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be added to the appropriation of the Department of Transportation and Communication under the General Appropriations Act the year immediately succeeding the approval of this Act.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,