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HOUSE BILL NO. **5556**



Introduced by **Hon. GABRIEL LUIS R. QUISUMBING**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is a declared state policy to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment and a rising standard of living and an improved quality of life for all.

Studies show that from 2000 to 2010, Cebu's population grew by 2.19 percent annually. In the 2010 census, Cebu counted a population of 4.167 million or 61.28 percent of the entire Central Visayas region. At this rate, it is expected that the population of Cebu will reach 4.64 million in 2015 and 5.18 million by 2020.

In recent news, it was reported that the traffic situation in Metro Cebu, particularly in Cebu City and Mandaue City has worsened especially with ongoing roadworks that are being undertaken to improve the flow of traffic and in consideration of upcoming events such as the APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) conference which is expected to bring in more people and a gamut of activities in Metro Cebu.

Considering the increase in population and businesses in Metro Cebu, there is an urgent need to address the traffic problem. It is apparent that the solution cannot be piece-meal, otherwise, other areas will bear the brunt of the traffic problem.

This bill seeks to create the Metro Cebu Traffic Management Authority centrally focused on planning and identification of traffic problems and coordinating with the local government units of Metro Cebu for the formulation of programs and projects to be included in a traffic management masterplan. The author seeks to formulate an efficient system in implementing measures to ease traffic congestion and ultimately ensure the safe and fast transport of people and products from one destination to another in the Province of Cebu.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT CREATING THE METRO CEBU TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
(MCTMA), DEFINING ITS POWER AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. It is the declared policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

SECTION 2. Creation of the Metro Cebu Traffic Management Authority. The Metro Cebu Traffic Management Authority (MCTMA) is hereby created for the purpose of planning, monitoring and coordination of traffic management systems, and in the process, exercise regulatory and supervisory authority over traffic operations in Metro Cebu. Such purpose shall bring no diminution to the autonomy of Metro Cebu local government units concerning purely local matters. Metro Cebu for this purpose shall be composed of the cities of Mandaue, Lapu-lapu, Danao, Talisay, Naga, and Carcar and the municipalities of Consolacion, Liloan, Compostela, Cordova, Minglanilla and San Fernando and such other cities and municipalities in the province of Cebu as may later be included by the Metro Cebu Traffic Management Authority.

SECTION 3. Powers and Functions of Metro Cebu Traffic Management Authority (MCTMA). - The MCTMA shall perform:

1. Traffic management planning which includes the preparation of immediate, medium and long-term traffic management plans; the development, evaluation and packaging of projects and investment programming; coordination and monitoring of plans, programs and project implementation, relative to traffic management in Metro Cebu.
2. Coordination and monitoring of existing transport operations, infrastructure requirements, and projects to rationalize the use of roads and highways in the identification of bottlenecks and solutions; provision for an effective mass transportation system and the

administration and implementation of all traffic enforcement operations, including personnel training and deployment for the purpose of instituting a single-ticketing system in Metro Cebu.

3. Consult with the concerned local government units (LGUs) on the formulation of a master plan for traffic management and services in Metro Cebu; and thereafter coordinate closely with the said LGUs for the implementation of plans and projects addressing traffic operations in Metro Cebu.
4. Perform other related functions required to achieve the objectives of the Metro Cebu Traffic Management Authority including entering into memorandum of agreements (MOA), contracts, and grants, subject to prior consultation and with consent of LGUs concerned.

SECTION 4. Metro Cebu Traffic Management Board. The Metro Cebu Traffic Management Authority (MCTMA) shall be administered by a Board of Directors and shall be under the Office of the President. The MCTMA Board shall be assisted by a Secretariat.

1. The MCTMA Board shall have a Chairman, appointed by the President; the Cebu Governor and Cebu City Mayor shall sit as Co-Chairmen; and the Mayors of concerned Metro Cebu LGUs shall be the members of the Board;
2. The heads of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Committee (HUDC), and the Philippine National Police (PNP) or their duly authorized representatives, will attend meetings of the MCTMA Board as non-voting members;
3. The MCTMA shall be headed by the Chairman of Board, who shall be appointed by the President and who shall continue to hold office at the discretion of appointing authority. He shall be vested with the rank, rights, privileges, disqualifications, and prohibitions of a cabinet member;
4. The MCTMA Board shall be assisted by a Secretariat composed of:
 - a) a General Manager;
 - b) an Assistant General Manager for Finance and Administration;
 - c) an Assistant General Manager for Planning; and,
 - d) an Assistant General Manager for Operationsall of whom shall be appointed by the President with the consent and concurrence of the majority of the Board, subject to civil service laws, rules and regulations. They will enjoy security of tenure and may be removed for cause in accordance with law;
5. The MCTMA Secretariat shall have the power to review and recommend traffic management solutions, subject to the approval of the Board. It shall formulate policies, rules and regulations on traffic management and operations.

SECTION 5. Appropriations. Such amount as may be necessary to implement this Act for the current year shall be charged against the savings of the Office of the President. Thereafter, the National Government shall appropriate annually and include in the General Appropriations Act the amount necessary for the continued implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The MCTMA in coordination with DOTC shall formulate the rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.