

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

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

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House Bill No. **5610**



Introduced by Representative Aileen C. Radaza

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to create a Department of Public Works and Highways-District Engineering Office (DPWH-DEO) in the Lone Legislative District of Lapu-Lapu City.

The highly-urbanized City of Lapu-Lapu for years has continually progressed and is now considered as a major hub both in commerce and tourism not only in the Visayas but as well as in the entire country. It is the home of Mactan Cebu International Airport and internationally acclaimed hotel and beach resorts such as the Shangri-La Mactan Resort and Spa, the Plantation Bay Resort and Spa, Crimson Resort, J Park Resort and Water park to name a few gifted with natural and fine white-sand beaches, with crystal clear waters.

In fact, in the last five years, the City saw the exponential growth of the tourism industry that has made her the most preferred destination for tourism, sports and business events in the country outside Metro Manila by both local and international patrons. Addressing these expected growth is the recent improvement of the MCIAA with the additional terminal building to host more than five million passengers in the next five to 10 years.

The City is also the host of three (3) large economic zones, the Mactan Economic Zone I and II and the Cebu Light Industrial Park, other private special economic zones such as the Mactan Newtown, the Bigfoot Entertainment and the MacroAsia.

The City's flagship infrastructure project, the Mactan Reclamation and Development Project, will definitely bring about huge economic impact on the City in particular and in the Visayas in general, thus the need to ensure that an Engineering District Office that would focus its efforts and concentration to ensure that our

infrastructure support would keep at pace with this unprecedented growth of the City.

In the last couple of years, the City of Lapu-Lapu has been hosting international gatherings such as the International Marathon's Ironman, the ASEAN Minister's meeting and other important events. These events would make the City of Lapu-Lapu as the gateway to and from the world, thus giving the international scene a glimpse of what the Philippines can offer.

With this at hand, Lapu-Lapu City is more than ever determined to jumpstart infrastructure and public works development to ensure that our investors as well as our constituents would be better equipped in addressing the unavoidable transformation of the City into a modern urban center in the next few years. Yet, a perceived stumbling block however is that existing engineering district where Lapu-Lapu City belongs – the Sixth Engineering District of Cebu – is situated at the heart of Cebu City and its efforts are being taken up by other LGUs under its umbrella, thus diluting its resources to address the pressing needs of the City.

The creating of the Lapu-Lapu City Engineering District is aimed at addressing the critical role that the City plays in forming international opinion on what the Philippines can offer. Being the host of these vital infrastructures, it is but a necessity, that if we are to ensure that we can showcase the viability, beauty and the competitiveness of our country, a dedicated engineering district will help ensure that we can meet the expectations of the international travelers, whether investors or tourists alike.

This Bill has been filed during the 15th and 16th Congresses and subsequently passed by the House of Representatives and transmitted for consideration to the Senate. There is therefore a need to create the Lapu-Lapu City Lone District Engineering Office, which will not only ensure swift implementation of public works projects in the city, but also secure the City and our country's topnotch status as a world-class tourism and business destination.

Approval of this Bill is hence urgently sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE LAPU-LAPU CITY LONE DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS 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 established a new district engineering office in Lapu-Lapu City to be known as the Lapu-Lapu City Lone District Engineering Office of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SECTION 2. The site of the Lapu-Lapu City Lone District Engineering Office shall be located in Lapu-Lapu City.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the operational of the Lapu-Lapu City Lone District Engineering Office, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,