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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Cebu Port has been designated as one of six major national gateway ports (major ports for international container trade) in the study report made by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), "The Study on the Master Plan for the Strategic Development of the National Port System in the Republic of the Philippines," PPOSS (Philippine Port System Strategy).

The Cebu Port is also identified by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) as the major port of the Philippines that needs to be developed urgently in its report "The Comprehensive Asia Development Plan".

The increasing international cargo volume from/to Kaohsiung, Pusan, Hong Kong and Singapore, among others, caused by the congestion at the CIP and the shallow water depth of the existing CIP berths has raised issues on the efficiency of cargo handling and the safety of port operations. Therefore, there is an urgent need to develop an additional international container terminal, with its concomitant deep-draft berths, back-up areas, vessel traffic system (VTS), storage lighting towers (system), gantry (shore and yard) cranes, firefighting equipment, various amenities and other related appurtenances.

In this light, approval of the proposed measure is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONSTRUCTION BY THE CEBU PORT AUTHORITY OF AN ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER TERMINAL, WITH ITS CONCOMITANT DEEP-DRAFT BERTHS, BACK-UP AREAS, VESSEL TRAFFIC SYSTEM (VTS), STORAGE LIGHTING TOWERS (SYSTEM), GANTRY (SHORE AND YARD) CRANES, FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, VARIOUS AMENITIES AND OTHER RELATED APPURTENANCES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established and constructed, under the supervision of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), by the Cebu Port Authority (CPA), of an additional Cebu International Container Terminal, with its concomitant deep-draft berths, back-up areas, Vessel Traffic System (VTS), storage lighting towers (system), gantry (shore and yard) cranes, firefighting equipment, various amenities and other related appurtenances.

SEC. 2. The DOTr, in coordination with the CPA, shall finance and conduct the Feasibility Studies and the formulation of the Detailed Engineering Designs, Standards and Specifications of the proposed international container terminal as well as the concomitant deep-draft berths, back-up areas, vessel traffic system, storage lighting towers, gantry

cranes, firefighting equipment and other appurtenances as maybe necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Transportation shall include in the Department's program the funding requirements for the procurement and construction of the said additional international container terminal, its facilities, amenities, equipment and other related appurtenances in an amount deemed appropriate for its operationalization and maintenance.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.