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Introduced by Representative Michael L. Romero

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the Republic of the Philippines, transportation is comparatively under the stage of development, relatively due to the country's mountainous areas and dispersed islands, and as a result of the past government's persistent underinvestment in the nation's infrastructure.

The country's transportation problems have been directly hampering the growth of our economy.

Lately, the state has been pushing to improve the transportation organization in the country through various infrastructure projects.

This House Bill seeks to create a comprehensive Transportation Development Program, providing funds thereof."

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

**CREATING A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURES AND PROTOCOLS,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE – This Act shall be known as the
“Transportation Development Act of 2019”

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby a declared
policy of the state to create a comprehensive development program for the
transportation sector throughout the entire country, with the mandate of
achieving a more effective transport system.

SECTION 3. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM –
there is hereby created a comprehensive *Transportation Development Program*
that shall spearhead the following:

- Infrastructure modernization program;
- Real estate acquirement, procurement and management;

- Development and management of data, information technology systems; and
- Continuous acquisition of equipment and procurement planning

SECTION 4. PROCUREMENT – In accordance with the prevailing provisions governing the acquisition of land, facilities, equipment and buildings the *Department of Transportation (DOTr)* and all other relevant government agencies shall therefor realign and improve its procurement system and protocols.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS — The amount of Two Billion pesos (**₱2,000,000,000.00**) necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (**GAA**) of the year following its enactment into law.

The state shall hereby authorize the *Department of Transportation* to realign its appropriations, in the current year of the date of the effectivity of this Act to conform with its mandate and requirements.

The amount needed to carry out the effective implementation of this Act shall be treated independently and separate from the regular funding of the *Department of Transportation*, its legislative district and attached agencies.

SECTION 6. ROLE OF THE DOTr – The Department of Transportation, shall be primary lead agency involving the effective implementation of this Act.

The **DOTr** shall, through information gathering and performance of its functions, support the development program on matters involving operational and organizational concerns.

SECTION 7. PERIODIC REPORTS - The DOTr shall submit periodic reports on its findings and make recommendations on actions to be taken by

Congress and Senate and the appropriate department, in order to carry out the objectives and mandates of this Act.

SECTION 8. AUTOMATIC REVIEW - Every three **(3) years** after the effectivity of this Act, an independent review panel composed of experts to be appointed by the President shall review the policies and programs and shall make recommendations, based on its findings, to the President and to both Houses of Congress.

SECTION 9. TRANSITORY PROVISION - Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six **(6)** months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. - The departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty **(60)** days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,