

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 14



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Introduced by: **REP. RAUL V. DEL MAR**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The attached bill seeks the construction and operation of a Light Rail Transport (LRT) System or Metro Rail Transport (MRT) System or Monorail Transport System or such other appropriate Modern Mass Transport System in the City of Cebu and Metro Cebu.

Current economic activities in the City of Cebu and Metro Cebu put in sharp focus the development potentials of the area towards making it a prime growth center and more. This kind of potential and this kind of development, however, give rise to some areas of concern. With the Cebu City and Metro Cebu's projected growth, even the construction and improvement of basic infrastructures: roads, bridges and flood control facilities in selected areas to alleviate the horrendous traffic situation existing for years now will not be adequate in the near future, given the increasing and widening areas of traffic.

The common perception is that the traffic situation in the City of Cebu and Metro Cebu, considering the economic growth trends, population explosion rates and migration factors, has already reached the level where a modern mass transit system must be put in place. It is in this context that an appropriate modern Mass Transport System is proposed, a mass transport scheme that realistically looks into the "not too distant future", anticipating the requirements of an ever-expanding metropolis.

It may be stressed that this bill passed on third and final reading in the House of Representatives during the Thirteenth Congress but was not approved by the Senate, for lack of time upon congressional adjournment.

Approval of the bill is therefore earnestly recommended.



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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR A LIGHT RAIL TRANSPORT (LRT) SYSTEM OR METRO**  
**RAIL TRANSPORT (MRT) SYSTEM OR MONORAIL TRANSPORT SYSTEM**  
**OR SUCH OTHER APPROPRIATE MODERN MASS TRANSPORT SYSTEM**  
**IN THE CITY OF CEBU AND METRO CEBU**

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

**SECTION 1.** There shall be a Light Rail Transport (LRT) System or Metro Rail Transport (MRT) System or Monorail Transport System or such other appropriate Modern Mass Transport System in the City of Cebu and Metro Cebu to be provided by the Department of Transportation (DOTr).

**SEC. 2.** The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) shall endorse a Light Rail Transport (LRT) or Metro Rail Transport (MRT) or Monorail or such other appropriate modern mass transport system in the City of Cebu and Metro Cebu for funding either through a government guarantee Official Development Assistance (ODA) or private sector participation under a Build-Operate Transfer (BOT) scheme as a multi-year project.

The DOTr shall be responsible for the implementation and operationalization of the transport system, including the feasibility and detailed engineering studies and acquisition of site.

**SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,