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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks for the creation of an economic development zone in the 4th District of Cebu Province as a responsive tool in eradicating, if not minimizing poverty that the people in the district are experiencing by providing employment to the skilled and trained men and women in the district as well as giving the people the opportunity to do business in the premises.

The existence of economic zone will undoubtedly redound to the benefit of the people in areas where they operate. Aside from giving the people the opportunity to earn a living, economic development zone is a sound revenue generating measure for local government units having jurisdiction over their operations. Thus, our local governments would be capable of delivering better and efficient basic social services to the people.

Of the entire province of Cebu, it is the 4th district that is best suited for the establishment of the said economic development zone. The district has all the economic factors and qualifications required of a viable economic zone. It has the widest stretch of flat land, a very rich land resource. It is likewise capable of producing literate, educated, and skilled workers.

The creation of an economic development zone in the district is likewise a tool to decongest the growing population in the highly urbanized areas of Cebu. Highly urbanized areas in Cebu have already experienced severe and heavy traffic due to the migration of people in order to secure a better employment. With the creation of an economic development zone in the 4th District of Cebu, professionals and other qualified individuals living within the area and its neighboring municipalities would not anymore seek for employment elsewhere.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the immediate consideration and approval of this bill is highly recommended.


BENHUR L. SALIMBANGON

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1923

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**AN ACT CREATING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE IN THE 4TH
DISTRICT OF CEBU PROVINCE, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE
4TH DISTRICT OF CEBU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE
AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. Title. There is hereby created the Cebu 4th District Economic Development Zone Authority.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to encourage and promote the attainment of a sound and balanced industrial, economic, and social development in the country through the promotion of private enterprises. Towards this end, the State shall endeavor to establish economic development zones in suitable and selected areas in the country where enterprises will be given incentives to create an environment conducive to business. This shall be a conduit to attract local and foreign investors, generate employment opportunities, and encourage the regional dispersal of industries.

Section 3. Creation of the Cebu 4th District Economic Development Zone. In accordance with the foregoing policy and subject to the concurrence of the local government unit affected by the establishment of the zone, there is hereby established an economic zone to be referred to as the CEBU 4th DISTRICT ECOZONE. The specific meets and bounds of the CEBU 4th DISTRICT ECOZONE shall be more particularly defined in a presidential proclamation that shall be issued for this purpose.

The Philippine Export Zone Authority (PEZA), in coordination with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) shall formulate and issue the necessary rules and regulations necessary for the evaluation, approval, and implementation of this Act.

Section 4. Governing Principles. The Cebu 4th District Economic Development Zone shall be managed and operated within the framework and limitations of the Constitution, Corporation Code, the applicable provisions of the Local Government Code, the Tax Code, Tariff and Customs Code and such other laws, rules, and regulations applicable.

The CEBU 4th DISTRICT ECOZONE shall be permitted to develop into a decentralized, self-reliant, and self-sustaining agricultural, industrial, commercial, and financial center complete with the facilities for land, air, and sea transportation as well as telecommunications and such other facilities that will attract legitimate foreign investors or locators.

Ultimately, the CEBU 4th DISTRICT ECOZONE shall be able to generate employment opportunities to the people in the district and its neighboring municipalities.

Section 5. Creation of the Cebu 4th District Economic Development Zone Authority. Subject to the concurrence of the local government unit that will be affected by the establishment of the CEBU 4th DISTRICT ECOZONE, there is hereby created a corporate body to be referred to as the CEBU 4th DISTRICT ECOZONE AUTHORITY which shall manage and operate the zone.

Section 6. Powers, Functions, and Administration of the Ecozone. The Philippine Export Zone Authority (PEZA), in coordination with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) shall formulate and issue such powers, functions, and its limitations as well as the governing laws and by-laws of the Ecozone Authority.

Section 7. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. Repealing Clause. All laws, executive orders or issuances, or any part thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 9. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,