Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Quezon City

## SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

First Regular Session

House Bill: 4117



Introduced by: REP. JONAS C. CORTES

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This proposed bill seeks to separate the City of Mandaue from the current 6<sup>th</sup> district of the Province of Cebu in order to create the Congressional District of Mandaue City.

On June 21, 1969, Republic Act 5519 otherwise known as the Charter of the City of Mandaue was signed into law, Presidential Proclamation 586 signed on August 6, 1969 designated August 30, 1969 as the date of formal organization of the government of the City of Mandaue, and on February 15, 1991 the City of Mandaue was officially declared by the Department of Local Government (now DILG) as a Highly Urbanized City upon compliance with the requisites.

Today, the City of Mandaue is a thriving first class city with a population of more than 365,144 individuals and is known as the "Industrial Heartland of Cebu." About 40% of Cebu's export companies are found in Mandaue and being an industrial city it is home to some of the country's biggest companies. Mandaue City also accounts for 75 percent of the country's total exports in the furniture sector in the past 2 decades, making the city the furniture capital of the country.

The passage of this bill has long been ardently requested by the good people of Mandaue in order to raise the current status of their beloved city into it's well deserved position. This bill will accord the the city and it's constituents the right to enjoy the privileges appurtenant to a legally declared Congressional District and will ultimately redound to the benefit of the people not only of Mandaue City but also of the 6<sup>th</sup> District by way of better welfare and benefits.

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## AN ACT SEPARATING THE CITY OF MANDAUE FROM THE 6<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF CEBU TO CREATE THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF MANDAUE CITY

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

**SECTION 1: Creation of the Legislative District of Mandaue City** - The City of Mandaue in the Province of Cebu is hereby separated from the 6<sup>th</sup> District of the Province of Cebu and shall be constituted as a congressional district and appropriating funds therefor.

**SECTION 2:** Necessary Appropriations - The necessary appropriations for the newly created congressional district shall be included in the General Appropriations Act for the year following its approval and every year thereafter.

**SECTION 3: Implementing Rules and Regulations** - The Commission on Election shall issue the necessary rules and regulations within thirty (30) days upon approval of this Act.

**SECTION 4: Election of representative.** The election of the congressional district of Mandaue City as created under this act shall take place in the next local election after the effectivity of this act and every three years thereafter.

SECTION 5: - Effectivity of RA 6641 - The provisions of RA 6641 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: Effectivity of the Act - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after it's publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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