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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 275

Introduced by: REP. RAUL V. DEL MAR

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The attached bill seeks the construction of an undersea tunnel or bridge from Cebu City to the Municipality of Cordova – and a Coastal Road – Expressway to the Mactan-Cebu International Airport.

As the full development of Cebu City and Municipalities of the Province of Cebu has become a matter of national concern, necessary complementary infrastructure facilities must be in place and in top shape. And any infrastructure strategy must consider the expanded and accelerated economic growth of the area.

The expansion of the Mactan-Cebu International Airport and the increase in domestic and international flights to Cebu, coupled with the traffic volume flowing from an expanding growth center, point up the imperative need for additional access routes from the Mactan-Cebu International Airport to Cebu City's downtown area and the Southern Cities and Municipalities of the Province of Cebu. For accessibility is one factor that allows Cebu to keep pace with the demands of local and foreign trade and commerce and tourism.

Very soon the traffic movements across the existing Mandaue City - Lapu Lapu City roads and bridges shall exceed its accommodation capacity. But the expansion of these bridges is simply not feasible. A third bridge between Cebu City and Lapp Lapp City will likewise not be feasible because it will hamper the entry of International sea carriers into the port of Cebu City.

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All told, a new approach must be adopted. In this light, the construction of a 500-meter-more or less undersea tunnel, connecting Cebu City to the Municipality of Cordova-and a Coastal Road to Lapu Lapu City, Province of Cebu is perceived to be a valid option. This project may appear ambitious but this is what is called for by the traffic situation projected over the long term, given Cebu's already economic growth.

In view hereof, approval of the bill is earnestly recommended.



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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERSEA TUNNEL OR BRIDGE FROM CEBU CITY TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA - AND A COASTAL ROAD - EXPRESSWAY TO THE MACTAN-CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

**SECTION 1.** There shall be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways an undersea tunnel or bridge from Cebu City to the Municipality of Cordoba - and a Coastal Road - Expressway to the Mactan-Cebu International Airport.

**SEC. 2.** The amount necessary for the construction and completion of the undersea tunnel and the connecting two-kilometer coast way, including feasibility and detailed engineering studies, acquisition of sites, equipment, materials and services to be used directly for the project, shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways under the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,