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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to strengthen the autonomy of the Cebu Port Authority (CPA) to carry out its mandate to integrate and consolidate the planning, development, construction and operation of port's facilities in the Cities of Cebu and Province of Cebu.

Towards this end, the following amendments in Section 8 and 10 of Republic Act 7621, otherwise known as "*An Act Creating the Cebu Port Authority, Defining its Powers and Functions, Providing Appropriations Therefor*", as amended, are hereby proposed:

1. Increasing the term of office of the new members of the Cebu Port Commission from one (1) year to three (3) years to enable them to discharge their functions knowledgeably and effectively. One (1) year term is hard enough for them to thoroughly acquaint themselves with the specific function and to render satisfactory performance. While they can be reappointed by another term, there is also a tendency to accommodate other applicants for appointment.
2. Providing residency requirement for all members of the Commission to be a resident of any of the Cities of Cebu and Province of Cebu for a period of at least three (3) years preceding their appointment, will ensure that they have acquired familiar knowledge of the situation prevailing in the ports of the Cities of Cebu and Province of Cebu.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7621 OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS "THE CHARTER OF THE CEBU PORT AUTHORITY", AS AMENDED

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

SECTION 1. Section 8 of Republic Act No. 7621, otherwise known as the
"Charter of the Cebu Port Authority", is hereby amended to read as follows:

" **SECTION 8. Governing Body.** – The powers and functions of the
Authority shall be vested in and exercised by a Cebu Port Commission
composed of a Chairman and five (5) other Commissioners. The Chairman
shall be the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and
Communications or his duly designated undersecretary. The Vice- Chairman,
who shall be designated as the Cebu Port General Manager, shall be elected
by the Commissioners from among themselves.

The Commissioner shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines and
shall represent the following sectors.

- (a) Shipowners and shipping operators;
- (b) Cargo-handling labor sector; and
- (c) Business sector.

NO PERSON MAY BE APPOINTED AS COMMISSISONER OF THE CEBU PORT AUTHORITY UNLESS HE HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF ANY OF THE CITIES OF CEBU OR PROVINCE OF CEBU FOR A PERIOD NOT LESS THAN THREE (3) YEARS PRECEDING THE DAY OF HIS APPOINTMENT."

SECTION 2. Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7621, otherwise known as the "Charter of the Cebu Port Authority", is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 10. **Term of Office.** - The members of the Cebu Port Commission shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines for a term of three (3) years;

Provided, That any person appointed to fill ANY vacancy shall hold office only for the unexpired term of the Commissioner whom he succeeds."

SEC. 3. Separability Clause. - If any part of the Section on this Act shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provision shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 4. Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive orders, letters of instructions, rules and regulations, or provisions thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,