

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3384



Introduced by Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 21st century saw the rapid development of Metropolitan Manila. It also witnessed the influx of rural folks arriving from different parts of the country. This phenomenon took its toll on the habitability of Metro Manila. The convergence into familiar and common nerve centers has inadvertently engendered metro congestion, pollution and traffic.

There is no gainsaying that the creation of another industrialized metropolis that would match the stature and importance of Metro Manila is effectively the main solution to its urban woes. It is indeed a robust economic indication for Metropolitan Manila to engender another industrial city that would stimulate more growth centers and create more centers of commerce outside its perimeters so as to control population, address traffic and pollution.

The idea is to decentralize the growth of Metro Manila by bringing the development to growth potential areas, allowing greater elbow room to improve the city center at the same time distributing wealth and resources to less developed areas.

Metro Quezon is the employment of the decentralization approach. It is an adoption of the integrated urban development strategy in accordance with the provision of the Constitution under Section 13, Article X which states, "Local government units may group themselves, coordinate their efforts, services and resources for purposes commonly beneficial to them in accordance with law."

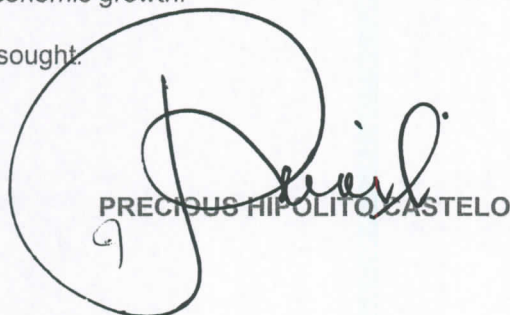
Metro Quezon is the binding together, but not politically, of Quezon City and the neighboring districts of San Jose del Monte, Montalban (Rodriguez), San Mateo, Marikina and Antipolo for the purpose of integrating and rationalizing the development in their areas. It lies northeast of Metro Manila just beyond the existing city center.

Hence, this measure proposes the creation of Metropolitan Quezon Development Authority.

To effectively marshal and map out Metro Quezon's trajectory, there shall be created a Metropolitan Quezon Development Authority. This will speed up the total development into a metropolitan of the six (6) eastern districts of greater Metro Manila area (supra).

These kindred cities shall simultaneously develop into vigorous centers of commerce bringing about vital economic activities and employment opportunities. A parallel nerve center outside of Metro Manila will spur vigorous nation building and vibrant economic growth.

Hence, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3384

Introduced by Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo

AN ACT
CREATING THE METROPOLITAN QUEZON DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Metro Quezon Development Authority Act."

SEC. 2. There is hereby created the Metropolitan Quezon Development Authority to ensure the optimum development of the six (6) eastern areas of greater Metro Manila area consisting of Quezon City, San Jose Del Monte, Rodriguez (Montalban), San Mateo, Marikina City and Antipolo City.

SEC. 3. The creation of such office shall be determined and undertaken by the local government units of the member urban areas.

SEC. 4. The amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the 2016 appropriations of the Department of Interior and Local Government. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this measure shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,