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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article X, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution affirms the State's support for local government units to group themselves and to consolidate and coordinate their efforts, services and resources for purposes beneficial to them and in accordance with law.

Further, Section 14 of the same article in the Constitution mandates the President to provide for regional development councils or other similar bodies composed of local government officials, regional heads of departments and other similar bodies composed of local government officials, regional heads of departments and other offices, and representatives from non-government organizations within the region for purposes of administrative decentralization in order to strengthen the autonomy of units therein and to accelerate the economic and social development of the units in the region.

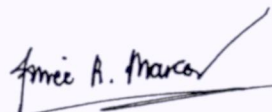
Pursuant to the abovementioned provisions in the Constitution, various local government units, non-government organizations, and members of private sectors in Cebu have long been clamoring to establish an inter-local and private sector

collaboration in order to achieve a "Wholesome, Advanced, Vibrant, Equitable, and Sustainable (W.A.V.E.S.) Cebu where the efforts of all the sectors can be aligned with the development strategy of competitiveness, livability, mobility and metropolitan management as well as the implementation of a roadmap for sustainable urban development.

This vision can be materialized through the creation of the Mega Cebu Development Authority (MCDA), an agency that can initiate efforts, provide services, and coordinate policies, plans, programs, and projects with the concerned local government units, national government agencies, government-owned and controlled corporations, the private sector as well as the civil society, and constituent communities with regard to the development and promotion of shared assets and resources. Through the MCDA, transboundary issues and challenges in the whole of Cebu can also be addressed in a more centralized manner, an approach that is relevant in order to better attend to the rapidly growing metropolis that is Cebu.

In support of the Mega Cebu Vision, this bill thus aims to create the MCDA wherein stakeholders of highly urbanized cities of Cebu, Mandaue, and Lapu-Lapu, the component cities of Danao, Talisay, Naga, and Carcar, and the municipalities of Consolacion, Liloan, Compostela, Cordova, Minglanilla, and San Fernando comprising the Metropolitan Cebu area, the surrounding cities and towns in the province of Cebu, the civil society, and the private sector organizations can work side-by-side in order to create a unified body moving towards a common goal – a W.A.V.E.S. Cebu in 2050.

Thus, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 Section 1. **Short Title.** - This Act shall be known as the "Mega Cebu
2 Development Authority Act."

3 SEC. 2. **Declaration of Policy.** - It is hereby the declared policy of the State
4 to promote and accelerate the sustainable development and balanced growth of the
5 Province of Cebu and the highly urbanized cities of Cebu, Mandaue, and Lapu-lapu,
6 within the context of national policies for economic, social, and environmental well-
7 being.

8 It is likewise hereby declared to be the policy of the State to treat Metropolitan
9 Cebu and the Province of Cebu as a special development and administrative area
10 where certain policies, programs, and services affecting or involving the
11 Metropolitan Cebu area and the Province of Cebu, on a metro-wide or multi-local
12 government unit (LGU) level, are more efficiently and effectively planned,
13 supervised, implemented, and coordinated by a development authority as created
14 herein, without prejudice to the autonomy of the affected LGUs.

1 Pursuant to these national policies, the following aspirations and principles are
2 hereby declared:

3 (a) to recognize a more institutionalized approach to metropolitan or multi-
4 LGU integrated development planning that is expertise-supported and
5 evidence-based, participatory, responsible, accountable, and necessary for all
6 or part of its community.

7 (b) to foster cooperative relations between and among the metropolitan area
8 and surrounding cities and towns in order to efficiently and effectively sustain
9 efforts to meet the needs, promote and develop shared assets and resources,
10 and provide services that transcend geopolitical municipal and city boundaries
11 without prejudice to the autonomy of the affected LGUs;

12 (c) to ensure active participation by the private, business, and civil society
13 sectors in the governance, planning, implementation, monitoring and
14 evaluation of plans, policies, standards, programs, projects, and services; and,

15 (d) to implement a national government-approved Metropolitan Cebu
16 Roadmap and other subsequent and related metro-wide or multi-LGU
17 roadmaps and plans that ensure long-term, sustainable, and continuing
18 directions, priorities, and programs for and by the constituent local and
19 national government agencies and units, and private, business, and civil
20 society sectors.

21 **SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.*** – As used in this Act:

22 (a) Business Sector – refers to for-profit and commercial enterprises or
23 businesses and business associations and coalitions; cross-industry, multi-
24 issue groups; cross-industry, issue-specific initiatives; industry-focused
25 initiative; including corporate philanthropic foundations.

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27 (b) Private Sector – refers to entities of the economy that are owned by private
28 citizens and not by the State, including those enterprises created either for
29 profit or for non-profit and households.

1 (c) Metropolitan Cebu Area or Metro Cebu – refers to the highly urbanized
2 cities of Cebu, Mandaue, and Lapu-Lapu, the cities of Danao, Talisay,
3 Naga, and Carcar, and the municipalities of Consolacion, Liloan,
4 Compostela, Cordova, Mingalanilla, and San Fernando, all in the Province
5 of Cebu.

6 (d) Mega Cebu – refers to the platform for inter-local cooperation, public-
7 private sector partnership, and local-regional-national-integration
8 promoting the “big picture perspective”, i.e. long-term, multi-LGU, metro-
9 wide, and advancing collaborative planning and action on shared assets
10 and common trans-boundary concerns towards a sustainable, smart, and
11 inclusive Cebu. It is anchored on and considers the island-wide or larger
12 provincial area or whole of Cebu, and regional area or Visayas context,
13 while starting out its on-ground engagement and intervention at the
14 Metropolitan Cebu level. Conceptually, thus, Mega Cebu is larger than
15 Metro Cebu and considers the population of the entire ‘province’ or
16 ‘islands’ of Cebu in the year 2050, which is projected to reach more than
17 Ten (10) Million, the technical definition of a mega population being Ten
18 million or more.

19 (e) Metropolitan Cebu Roadmap refers to the “Roadmap Study for Sustainable
20 Urban Development in Metro Cebu” that was commissioned and
21 subsequently adopted by the Metro Cebu Development and Coordinating
22 Board (MCD CB), was funded by the Government of Japan, and completed
23 by a team from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

24 SEC. 4. ***Creation of the Mega Cebu Development Authority.*** - There is
25 hereby created a special body to be known as the Mega Cebu Development
26 Authority, hereinafter referred to as “MCDA” or “Authority”, which shall be organized
27 within thirty (30) days after the approval of this Act, to coordinate and promote
28 socio-economic growth and sustainable development within Metro Cebu and the
29 Province of Cebu.

30 The MCDA shall execute the powers and functions herein vested which shall,
31 however, in no way diminish the autonomy of the LGUs in the Metropolitan Cebu

1 area and the Province of Cebu concerning purely local matters within the framework
2 and subject to the mandate and limitations of the Philippine Constitution, pertinent
3 provisions of the Local Government Code, and Section 5 hereof.

4 SEC. 5. ***Constitution and Jurisdiction of the Mega Cebu Development***

5 ***Authority.*** - For the purposes of this Act, the MCDA shall comprise the core
6 metropolitan area embracing the highly urbanized cities of Cebu, Mandaue, and
7 conferred by this Act, determined in accordance with the procedures and
8 requirements to be outlined in its implementing rules and regulations.

9 SEC. 6. ***Functions of the Mega Cebu Development Authority.*** - Subject
10 to the approval of the LGUs concerned, the Authority shall primarily exercise the
11 following functions and services:

12 (a) Formulate, coordinate, regulate and monitor the short, medium, and
13 long-term plans, policies, and programs for the sustainable development and
14 integration of the Metropolitan Cebu area and the Province of Cebu, including
15 investment programs for the delivery of multi-LGU or Metropolitan Cebu and
16 the Province of Cebu services, land use, spatial, and physical development
17 using strong, coherent governing values and shared vision, with focus on
18 integrated systems for urban development;

19 (b) Render services that have multi-LGU or metropolitan wide coverage and
20 impact, transcending local geopolitical boundaries or entailing substantial
21 expenditures including, but not limited to: integrated and infrastructure
22 development and planning; transport and traffic management; solid waste
23 disposal and management; water, septage, sewerage and storm water
24 management; and disaster risk reduction and management;

25 (c) Ensure that plans, policies, programs and services are pursued for the
26 purpose of realizing the Mega Cebu 2050 Vision of a Wholesome, Advanced,
27 Vibrant, Equitable, and Sustainable (W.A.V.E.S.) Cebu, executing the Mega
28 Cebu development strategy of competitiveness, livability, mobility, and
29 metropolitan management and implementing the Metropolitan Cebu

1 Roadmap, which are hereby adopted, and other subsequent and related
2 roadmaps for Metro Cebu and the Province of Cebu;

3 (d) Ensure continuing research, evaluation, and monitoring to enhance
4 plans, policies, programs, services, and efforts to anticipate or respond to the
5 dynamic and changing realities and needs of metropolitan development; and

6 (e) Perform other related functions required to achieve the Mega Cebu 2050
7 Vision and the objectives of the MCDA, including the undertaking of delivery
8 of services to the LGUs, when deemed necessary and subject to prior
9 coordination and consent of the LGU concerned.

10 **SEC. 7. *Scope of Services of the Mega Cebu Development Authority.* -**

11 In coordination with appropriate government units and agencies and relevant
12 private sector organizations, the scope of the services of the MCDA shall include:

13 (a) Spatial and integrated planning and infrastructure planning and
14 development, which includes the formulation, adoption, and
15 implementation of plans, policies, programs, projects, standards, rules,
16 and regulations to rationalize and optimize land use; conserve and
17 protect natural resources, provide direction to urban growth and
18 expansion within the context of smart, connected, compact and
19 sustainable growth; and the provision of necessary services;

20 (b) Transport and traffic management, which includes the formulation,
21 coordination, and monitoring of policies, standards, plans, programs and
22 projects, including its implementation and its integration with land use,
23 rationalization of the existing transport operations, infrastructure
24 requirements, and use of thoroughfares; promotion of safe and
25 convenient movement of persons and goods; provision for and
26 maintenance of mass transport system, road infrastructure, and
27 institution of a people-centered network of mobility, including
28 pedestrianization and non-motorized forms of transport, as well as a
29 system to regulate road users; and the administration and
30 implementation of traffic enforcement operations, traffic engineering

1 services, and traffic education programs, including the institution of a
2 single ticketing system;

3 (c) Solid waste management, which includes the formulation and
4 implementation of policies, standards, plans, programs, and projects for
5 proper and sanitary waste disposal; the establishment and operation of
6 sanitary landfill and related facilities; the establishment and operation of
7 alternative waste management facilities; and the implementation of
8 appropriate programs, projects, and services intended to manage,
9 dispose, reduce, reuse, and recycle solid waste;

10 (d) Water, septage and sewerage, and storm water management, which
11 includes the formulation and implementation of policies, standards,
12 plans, programs, and projects for water supply and water resources
13 management; integrated storm water management, drainage and flood
14 control; and septage and sewerage management system; and

15 (e) Disaster risk reduction and management, which includes the formulation
16 and implementation of plans, programs, projects, policies, standards,
17 and procedures to achieve public safety, especially preparedness for
18 preventive or rescue operations during times of calamities and disasters;
19 management of information; coordination and mobilization of resources;
20 and recovery, rehabilitation, and relief operations.

21 SEC. 8. ***Composition of the Mega Cebu Development Board (MCDB).*** -

22 The governing and policy setting powers of the MCDA shall be vested in and
23 exercised by the Mega Cebu Development Board, hereinafter referred to as MCDB
24 or Board, which shall be composed of fifteen (15) ex-officio members and six (6)
25 regular members, as follows:

26 (a) Governor of the Province of Cebu, ex-officio;

27 (b) Mayors of the seven (7) cities of Metro Cebu, ex-officio;

28 (c) Mayors of the six (6) municipalities of Metro Cebu, ex-officio;

29 (d) President of the League of Municipalities of Cebu, ex-officio;

1 (e) Five (5) regular members from the private sector: three (3) from the
2 business sector and two (2) from the general public; and

3 (f) The General Manager of the Authority, to be appointed by majority vote
4 of the ex-officio members and regular members of the Board, who shall
5 be the sixth private sector representative in the Board, and shall serve
6 as the Chief Operating Officer of the MCDA.

7 The officers of the MCDB shall consist of one (1) Chairperson; one (1) co-
8 Chairperson representing the public sector and one (1) Co-Chairperson representing
9 the private sector. The Chairperson and the Co-Chairperson representing the public
10 sector shall be elected by majority vote of the Governor of the Province of Cebu and
11 the seven (7) mayors of the cities of Metro Cebu from among themselves. The co-
12 chairperson representing the private sector shall be elected by the five (5) regular
13 members representing the private sector.

14 All regular members of the MCDB including the General Manager must have
15 been residents of the cities of Cebu or Province of Cebu for at least three (3) years
16 preceding their appointment. They shall serve for a term of one (1) year until their
17 re-election or successors shall have been elected, unless sooner removed for cause.
18 In case of removal of a member for cause, the replacement shall only serve the
19 unexpired portion of the term.

20 Each member, ex officio or regular, shall have equal voting rights and shall
21 participate during the deliberations of the regular and special meetings of the MCDB:
22 Provided, That eleven (11) members of the MCDB shall constitute a quorum for the
23 conduct of regular and special meetings: Provided, further, That the implementation
24 of plans, projects, and activities affecting a particular LGU must have the affirmative
25 vote of the Mayor of the concerned LGU.

26 SEC. 9. ***Functions of the Mega Cebu Development Board.*** - Subject to the
27 approval of the LGUs concerned, the MCDB shall perform the following functions
28 and powers:

29 (a) Adopt and approve rules and regulations to govern the conduct of
30 business of the Board;

- 1 (b) Approve the multi-LGU or metropolitan-wide short, medium, and long
2 term development plans, policies, and programs, and such projects
3 developed and packaged by its Research, Program, and Organizational
4 Development- Technical, Operations, and Planning Office (RPOD-TOPO),
5 the various committees, and respective project management offices;
- 6 (c) Promulgate policies and standards for metropolitan-wide application
7 governing the delivery of services, prescription and collection of service
8 and regulatory fees, and the imposition and collection of fines and
9 penalties, including the assessment and collection of contributions, fees,
10 and charges for the operation of the MCDA or use of its facilities or
11 services, as may be deemed necessary and proper;
- 12 (d) Approve the organizational structure of the Authority and, as endorsed
13 by the General Manager, confirm or define the duties and responsibilities
14 of all officers and employees, including the appointment of key officials
15 of the Authority, and fix the compensation and benefits of officers and
16 personnel, including the granting of incentives;
- 17 (e) Create a Conflict Management Committee (CMC) to address any
18 controversy primarily between and among members from the LGUs,
19 national government agencies, private and business sectors, and civil
20 society. The CMC shall enjoin parties to settle the dispute through
21 dialogue. If a settlement is not reached, any unresolved controversy
22 shall be settled thru mediation and arbitration by the CMC. Any of the
23 parties may appeal the CMC resolution to the Board, whose decision shall
24 be final and executory.
- 25 (f) Appoint or remove the General Manager, Assistant General Managers,
26 or the heads of the different offices, in accordance with law;
- 27 (g) Incorporate and endorse the plans, policies, programs, and projects
28 formulated by LGUs and other public sector agencies, including those
29 areas and services which were not included in the Metropolitan Cebu
30 Roadmap, after proper consultation and coordination;

- 1 (h) Submit to the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) Board
2 its plans, programs, projects, and activities to enable adoption,
3 endorsement, approval, integration, or progressive roll out of integrated
4 and system-wide plans, programs, projects, and spatial urban and rural
5 design decisions;
- 6 (i) Form, establish, organize, and maintain offices or service units to provide
7 multi-LGU or metropolitan wide services, in accordance with relevant
8 Philippine laws;
- 9 (j) Enter into contract and own properties; receive funding, payments,
10 grants, contributions, and donations; sue and be sued in order to carry
11 out its duties and functions as provided for in this Act;
- 12 (k) Establish a conflict management committee to address conflicts to which
13 all entities or individuals will resort to, at the first instance;
- 14 (l) Perform any and all related acts to carry out its mandate and perform
15 its objectives, including the undertaking of delivery of services to the
16 LGU concerned;
- 17 (m) Adopt, alter, and use a corporate seal; and,
- 18 (n) Carry out the purposes and provisions of this Charter.

19 SEC. 10. **Creation of the Office of the MCDA General Manager.** - There
20 is hereby created the Office of the MCDA General Manager, to be headed by the
21 General Manager and vested with executive powers to manage the affairs and
22 further the purposes of the MCDA.

23 SEC. 11. **Functions of the General Manager.** - The General Manager of
24 the MCDA shall have the following functions:

- 25 (a) Formulate, prescribe, amend, and endorse rules and regulations to
26 govern the conduct of the Office of the General Manager;
- 27 (b) Endorse to the MCDB for approval, the creation and organization of the
28 Institutional Development Office (IDO), Public Service Offices (PSOs),

1 and other offices as may be necessary to fulfil the mandate of the
2 Authority;

3 (c) Identify, select, appoint, suspend, remove, or discipline the officers and
4 personnel below the positions of Assistant General Managers and the
5 managers or heads of offices or services, subject to approval by the
6 MCDB;

7 (d) Indorse for approval of the Board, the compensation, benefits, and
8 incentives of key officials and other staff of the MCDA who will perform
9 the following: finance and administration, to include human resources
10 management, audit, legal, reputation and risk management, and
11 information technology (IT); research and knowledge management, to
12 include monitoring and evaluation, education, communications, and
13 stakeholder relations; planning, development, and technical support,
14 to include project development; and operations and services, to include
15 project management and service delivery;

16 (e) Endorse to the MCDB the multi-LGU or metropolitan-wide short,
17 medium, and long-term development plans and programs which
18 includes the formulation and coordination of related activities in
19 Metropolitan Cebu;

20 (f) Endorse the annual and supplemental budgets of the Authority to the
21 Board; and

22 (g) Perform such other acts and assume such other functions as may be
23 necessary to carry out the provisions of this Charter.

24 SEC. 12. **Creation of Institutional Development Office.** - There shall be
25 created an Institutional Development Office (IDO) in the Office of the General
26 Manager to provide support in the operations and implementation of the internal
27 programs and requirements of the MCDA. The IDO shall oversee the various
28 components, operations, and processes of MCDA such as: finance and
29 administration, to include human resources management, audit, legal, reputation

1 and risk management, and information technology (IT); research and knowledge
2 management, to include monitoring and evaluation, education, communications,
3 and stakeholder relations; planning, development, and technical support, to include
4 project development; and operations and services, to include project management
5 and service delivery.

6 The head of the IDO, as Assistant General Manager, shall report directly to
7 the General Manager.

8 SEC. 13. **Creation of Public Service Offices.** - There shall be created a
9 Public Service Office (PSO) for each of the five (5) initial focal areas of MCDA, as
10 follows: Integrated Development and Spatial Planning (IDSP); Transport and Traffic
11 Management (TTM), Solid Waste Management (SVM); Water Supply Management,
12 including septage and sewerage, and storm water management, (WSM); and
13 Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM).

14 Each PSO shall be headed by an Assistant General Manager, who shall report
15 directly to the General Manager. National government agencies (NGAs), GOCCs,
16 LGUs and other organizations mandated to provide services in these focal areas
17 shall be invited to coordinate their programs and projects with the appropriate PSO.

18 SEC. 14. **Creation of the Research, Program, and Organizational**
19 **Development.** - Technical, Operations, and Planning Office. - There shall be
20 created a Research, Program and Organizational Development — Technical,
21 Operations, and Planning Office (RPOD-TOPO) which is necessary to deliver the
22 MCDA's mandate, provide support and management of its operations. The RPOD-
23 TOPO shall serve as the coordinating and operations office and process facilitator
24 for the Authority, providing finance and administration, research, knowledge
25 management and planning expertise and services; technical support, operations,
26 service delivery and project management as well as guidance to the Board, the
27 General Manager, and other offices or services; facilitate the organization,
28 integration, and complementation of the Authority's various functions, structures,
29 plans, programs, projects and services; and provide secretariat support to the
30 MCDB, other offices and services, and to keep a record and have custody of the
31 proceedings of all sessions of the MCDB or meetings of the PSOs.

1 The RPOD-TOPO shall be headed by an Assistant General Manager, supported
2 by appropriate supervisory and other officers of the MCDA. The Assistant General
3 Manager (AGM) for the RPOD-TOPO, appointed on the basis of defined competence
4 and qualities, shall:

5 (a) Assist in the administration of the MCDA and supervision of subordinate
6 personnel:

7 (b) Assist in the supervision of the operation of the various committees and
8 offices of the MCDA;

9 (c) Assist in the preparation and review of plans and programs of the MCDA
10 for submission to and endorsement of the Executive Committee, and
11 approval by the Board; and

12 (d) Perform such other duties and functions as may be lawfully delegated or
13 assigned from time to time.

14 There shall be appointed managers for finance and administration; research
15 and knowledge management; planning, development, and technical support; and
16 operations and service delivery who shall be chosen based on academic
17 qualifications, competence, and experience.

18 These departments shall be staffed by appropriately qualified personnel with
19 relevant academic backgrounds and work experiences consistent with the purpose,
20 functions, requirements, and scope of the Authority.

21 All employees of the MCDA shall be subject to periodic monitoring and
22 evaluation.

23 SEC. 15. ***Institutional Linkages.*** - The MCDA shall establish institutional
24 linkages and relations with appropriate government agencies and units and the
25 private sector at the local, regional, national, and international levels concerning
26 matters of import and relevance to Mega Cebu or the Metropolitan Cebu area.

27 For this purpose and guided by rules and regulations, the MCDA shall carry out
28 its functions in consultation and close coordination with the LGUs, government
29 agencies, the private sector, and civil society organizations. To facilitate

1 coordination and alignment, LGUs, NGAs, GOCCs and other relevant organizations
2 shall submit their policies, plans and programs, and projects, particularly relating to
3 the initial five (5) focal areas outlined in Section 7 hereof, that may affect or have
4 an impact on the Mega Cebu or the Metropolitan Cebu area.

5 The MCDA shall submit its development plans and investment programs to
6 the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) for integration into the
7 Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP) and public investment
8 program.

9 In the implementation of MCDA's plans and programs utilizing local, national,
10 and other funds, which shall be undertaken either by the local government unit,
11 national government agency, or other public and private sector organizations
12 responsible for the delivery of such services, the MCDA may enter into contracts,
13 memoranda of agreement and other cooperative arrangements with these entities
14 for the delivery of the required services.

15 The MCDA shall also coordinate and interface with foreign assistance and
16 other agencies for the purpose of obtaining financing and technical support, and
17 securing contributions, grants and donations from various sources to support its
18 operations or undertake its programs and projects.

19 SEC. 16. **Appropriations and Financing.** - For the organizational and
20 operating expenses of the Authority, an initial fund of One Billion Pesos (PhP
21 1,000,000,000.00) shall be appropriated by the National Government. Thereafter,
22 the National Government shall allocate in the annual General Appropriations Act the
23 funds needed by the MCDA for personnel, capital expenditures, maintenance and
24 other operating expenses and for the continued implementation of this Act.

25 The operations of the MCDA shall likewise be supported through financial
26 contributions and technical assistance from member LGUs, NGAs, and GOCCs and
27 the private sector, and other local and international organizations in the form of
28 grants, donations, contributions, payments, penalties, fees and charges.

29 The MCDA is likewise empowered to levy fines, and impose fees and charges
30 for various services rendered.

1 The MCDB shall undertake continuing negotiations among the member LGUs
2 and GOCCs to commit annual financial contributions for the operations of the MCDA.

3 **SEC. 17. *Use of Income.*** - To carry out the purposes of this Act, the MCDA
4 is hereby authorized, in addition to its allocation from the annual General
5 Appropriations Act, revenues generated from various services rendered, and annual
6 contributions from LGUs, to retain and utilize its income: Provided, That nothing
7 herein shall be deemed to exempt the MCDA to the auditing requirements,
8 standards, and procedures of existing laws.

9 **SEC. 18. *Good Governance Clause.*** - The MCDA adheres to the principles
10 of good governance that ensures commitment to values and ethical conduct of its
11 business; transparency in transactions; an effective audit system; statutory and
12 legal compliance; adequate disclosures; and effective decision-making to achieve its
13 objectives.

14 **SEC. 19. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - Within six (6) months
15 from the approval of this Act, the rules and regulations to carry out the provisions
16 of this Act shall be formulated and approved by the MCDA.

17 **SEC. 20. *Separability Clause.*** - Any provision or part hereof is held invalid
18 or unconstitutional, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full
19 force and effect.

20 **SEC. 21. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
21 following completion of its publication in at least one (1) newspaper of general
22 circulation.

Approved,