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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7621]

AN ACT CREATING THE CEBU PORT AUTHORITY  
DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING  
APPROPRIATION THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. **Short Title.** - This Act shall be known and cited as the "Charter of the Cebu Port Authority".

SECTION 2. **Declaration of Policy.** - It is the declared policy of the State to promote the establishment and growth of autonomous regional port bodies to produce an efficient, safe, economical and coordinated system of movement of goods and persons through the port, consistent with the constitutional mandate to give all regions of the country optimum opportunity to develop.

SECTION 3. **Creation of the Port Authority.** - There is hereby created a public-benefit corporation to be known as the Cebu Port Authority, hereinafter referred to as the Authority.

The Authority shall be under the supervision of the Department of Transportation and Communications for purposes of policy coordination.

SECTION 4. **Definition of Terms.** - For purposes of this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise, the terms used herein shall mean as follows:

- (a) "**Port facility**" shall include wharves, piers, slips, docks, bulkheads, basins, warehouses cold storage, loading and unloading equipment, and passenger terminals and accessories
- (b) "**Transportation facility**" includes passenger and cargo boats, ferry boats, lighters, tugs barges, scows, harbor craft of any kind, and any other kind of facility now in use or hereafter designated for use of the transportation or carriage of persons or goods;
- (c) "**Navigable waters**" means all navigable portions of the seas, estuaries and inland waterways
- (d) "**Wharf**" means a continuous structure built parallel to or along the margin of the sea or alongside riverbanks, canals or other waterways where vessels may lie alongside to receive and discharge cargo or passenger, or lie at rest;
- (e) "**Pier**" includes any stage, stair, landing stage, jetty, floating barge or pontoon, and any bridge or other works connected therewith;