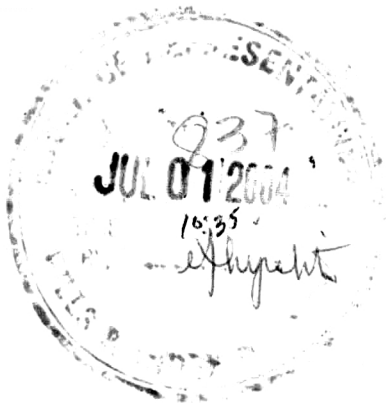


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Presidential Decree No. 1513 rationalized the allocation of positions for the provincial and city prosecutor's office in accordance with their respective workload and/or existing number of branches in the regional trial court and city courts.

Prosecutors have direct responsibility and control in investigation and prosecution and the same should be done with thorough and detailed examination. There is no room for laxity because it involves man's basic right to life, liberty, and property under the regime of law. In line with this principle, this bill proposes to increase the number of provincial prosecutors in the Province of Nueva Ecija and the City Prosecutor's Office in Cabanatuan City. It becomes imperative to create new prosecutor positions in this province because of its phenomenal increase in criminal cases submitted before their offices.

Justice is the greatest interest of man on earth, for it is justice which endures respect and recognition of man's inherent dignity as human being. To deny a person the process of investigation and to delay his cause are circumstances which could be a violation of their constitutional right, the right to speedy disposition of cases.

For reasons above cited, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA AND CITY PROSECUTORS IN THE CITY OF CABANATUAN AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED TWELVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "REORGANIZING THE PROSECUTION STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE OFFICES OF THE PROVINCIAL AND CITY FISCALS, REGIONALIZING THE PROSECUTION SERVICE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR."

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

Sec. 1, Section 12 of Presidential Decree No. 1275, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 12. Office of the Provincial Fiscal: Their number in Each Province/Sub./Province. – There shall be in each of the following provinces and sub-provinces the corresponding number of provincial fiscals and their assistants.

"XXXXXXXXXXX
"(g-a)Nueva Ecija:

One Provincial Fiscal
One First Assistant
Four Second Assistant
Eight Third Assistant

Ten Fourth Assistant

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Sec. 2, Section 13 of the same decree is further amended to read as follows:

"Section 13. Officers of the City Fiscals: Their number in each city. – There shall be in each of the following cities the corresponding number of city fiscals and their assistants:

"XXXXXXXXXX
1-a) Cabanatuan

One City Fiscal
One First Assistant
Five Second Assistant
Five Third Assistant
Eight Fourth Assistant"

Sec. 3. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Justice under the General Appropriations Act following the enactment of this Act into law. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.