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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1372

Introduced by Representative Faysah RPM Dumarpa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to permanently set up the seat of government of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) in the City of Marawi.

Section 3, Article II of RA 9054, otherwise known as the Expanded Organic Act for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, provides that the permanent seat of government of the regional government shall be in any province or city that is a member of the autonomous region, taking into consideration accessibility and efficiency in which its mandate may be carried out under the said Act.

While the residents of Cotabato City have voted against the inclusion of their City in the ARMM during the last plebiscite, Cotabato City continues up to the present to be the seat of government of ARMM.

It is believed that the continued status of Cotabato City as the seat of government of ARMM, even as it is not part of the Region, would create administrative and legal obstacles in the efficient administration of the ARMM.

Hence, the transfer of the seat of the regional government from the City of Cotabato to the City of Marawi, is but appropriate as it is the only City in Mindanao which opted to be included in the ARMM.

As to accessibility, since it is near the industrial cities of Iligan and Cagayan, the efficient administration of the regional government would be fully effected.

Considering the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
FIXING THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. The seat of the regional government of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao shall be permanently fixed in the City of Marawi.

Section 2. The national government shall appropriate funds for the transfer of the provisional seat to its permanent site.

Section 3. All existing properties, whether real or personal, shall be transferred to the permanent seat of government.

Section 4. All the different government agencies under the Autonomous Government shall hold offices at the permanent seat of government.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect after fifteen days (15) days following its complete publication in at least two national newspapers of general circulation and one local newspaper of general circulation in the Autonomous Region.

Approved,

Jed