



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 3625

Introduced by Honorable Benjamin C. Agarao, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a Family Court in every municipality with a population of one hundred thousand or more.

Republic Act No. 8369 established a Family Court in every province and city in the country. It is granted exclusive original jurisdiction over child and family cases. In case where the city is the capital of the province, the Family Court shall be established in the municipality which has the highest population. However, not all municipalities with high population are afforded a family court that could expeditiously resolve domestic problems in the municipality concerned.

Siniloan in the Province of Laguna is one of the municipalities in such a situation. It is a thickly populated municipality. It has a lone sala, Branch 33, with jurisdiction over the seven (7) municipalities of Paete, Pakil, Pangil, Siniloan, Mabitac, Famy and Sta. Maria. Numerous cases are now pending in said court. These cases include criminal, civil, land registration and cases involving domestic problems.

The judge assigned therein has a full load of cases. Despite the fact that he conducts court hearings everyday (morning and afternoon), it is difficult for him to resolve such cases in the most expeditious and proper way.

The establishment of a family court in municipalities with big population will ease the burden of the courts therein. The proposed family court will have jurisdiction not only in the municipality concerned but also in the nearby municipalities as well.

With the growth in population, domestic cases likewise increase. Hence, this bill, its approval is highly recommended.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A FAMILY COURT IN EVERY MUNICIPALITY
WITH A POPULATION OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND OR
MORE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE "THE FAMILY COURTS
ACT OF 1997".

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Republic Act No. 8369, is hereby
amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. Establishment of Family Courts. – There shall
be established a Family Court in every province, and city, AS
WELL AS IN EVERY MUNICIPALITY WITH A
POPULATION OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND OR
MORE in the country. In case where the city is the capital of

the province, the Family Court shall be established in the municipality which has the highest population.”

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,