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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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House Bill No. 5491

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Introduced by **Honorable PEDRO M. PANCHO**

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

As included in the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan by the National Economic Development Authority, establishment of new government center will decongest Metro Manila and will result to a growth in economic activities in the area.

The continuous construction of high-rise buildings in the areas surrounding the Malacañang Palace including the old and unsightly houses had destroyed the beauty, charm and antique image of the structure which has affected the development of the country and a fast move to progress. The lives and property of the citizens are put in danger, especially when there is a protest march.

The military camps on EDSA also need to be transferred in the province of Bulacan particularly in the town of Doña Remedios Trinidad to avoid accidents during mass actions by disgruntled people in the busy roads. The military camps maybe converted into commercial centers to generate employment and revenues instead of becoming a playground of demonstrations that causes economic disturbance.

The offices located in crowded business centers contribute to a very large extent to traffic congestion that discourages foreign investors in putting more capital in our country. The big change in our moral values has affected our national behavior in this modern time.

Our society must initiate and construct new and different means of livelihood projects for our unfortunate families who are suffering because of the lack of studies by our technocrats in determining what incentives

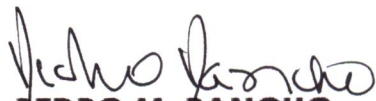
may be given to the business sector as partners in economic development,

The new image that will emerge for the palace will contribute an attraction to the foreign investors.

The present location of the Palace has long been criticized because of so many negative factors. It is surrounded by a dead river, the Pasig River and others, designed and built during the Spanish times. The Palace lost its relevance in our modern world. With the advent of fast and high-tech communication, the Palace maybe transferred to a new site together with other government officer to form a government center. The most suitable building will be the former Clark Air Base in Angeles City, Province of Pampanga.

It has plenty of space and reasonably near Metro Manila. There is an International Airport and is presently undergoing renovation. Unlike in Metro Manila, there will be no traffic problem as there is a projected zero traffic congestion.

Accordingly, approval of the attached bill is requested.

  
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***“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CENTER  
OF GOVERNMENT AT CLARK AIR BASE IN ANGELES CITY, PROVINCE  
OF PAMPANGA.”***

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

SECTION 1. The transfer and establishment of new Center of Government at Clark Air Base in Angeles City, Province of Pampanga is hereby authorized.

SEC. 2. The transfer will include the Malacañang Palace and other Executive Offices presently located in Metro Manila.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED,