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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The need for the creation of additional branches of the Metropolitan Trial Court within the National Capital Region grows more evident with each passing year. The continuously burgeoning population in the region has brought about a correlative increase in the number of civil and criminal cases in the said courts. This has put to task the capability of the said courts to effect the speedy resolution of cases to the detriment of the litigants and our justice system. In Muntinlupa City alone, the present backlog of its lone court of, more or less, 3,600 cases does not speak very well of the administration of justice.

Thus, this bill proposes the creation of five (5) additional branches of the Metropolitan Trial Courts, with seats in Muntinlupa City. With the additional branches, it is envisioned that the people of Muntinlupa City will enjoy an more improved quality of life by making the courts immediately accessible and ensuring the speedy and efficient administration of justice.

The approval of this measure is earnestly sought in view of the foregoing premises.


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AN ACT
CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT
BRANCHES FOR THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 27, Chapter III of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 27. *Metropolitan Trial Courts of the National Capital Region.* – There shall be a Metropolitan Trial Court in the National Capital Region, to be known as the Metropolitan Trial Court of Metro Manila, which shall be composed of [ninety-five (95)] **ONE HUNDRED (100)** branches. There shall be:

“x x x

[One] **SIX (6)** branch**ES** [(Branch LXXX)] for the City of Muntinlupa, with seats thereat;

“x x x”

Sec. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the additional five (5) branches of the Metropolitan Trial Court in the City of Muntinlupa with seats thereat.

Sec. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in coordination with the Secretary of Justice shall immediately include in its program the operationalization of the five (5) additional Metropolitan Trial courts in the City of Muntinlupa, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 4. Repealing Clause. - All laws, presidential decrees, letters of instruction, executive orders, rules and regulations, or any part thereof inconsistent with this Act shall be amended or modified accordingly.

Sec. 5. Effectivity. - This Act shall take upon its approval.

Approved,