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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. **2565**

Submitted by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations on
07 JAN 2013

Re: House Bill No. **6798**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1906

Sponsors: Representatives Niel C. Tupas, Jr., Jocelyn S. Limkaichong, and Yevgeny
Vincent B. Emano

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 1906, introduced by Representative Yevgeny Vincent B. Emano, entitled:

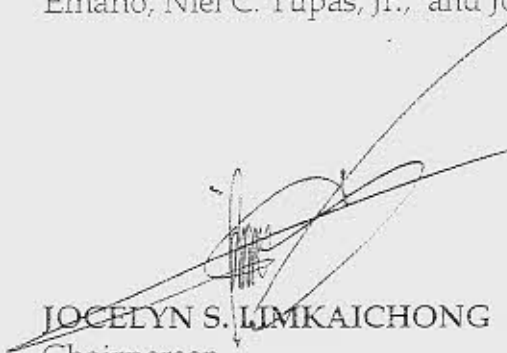
"AN ACT

INCREASING THE NUMBER OF REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCHES IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL AND THE
CITIES OF CAGAYAN DE ORO AND GINGOOG FROM NINETEEN
(19) BRANCHES TO TWENTY (20) BRANCHES BY CREATING A
NEW BRANCH WITH SEAT AT TAGOLOAN, MISAMIS ORIENTAL,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SUBPARAGRAPHS 1 AND 6 OF
SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7154 AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR"

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No.
6798, entitled:

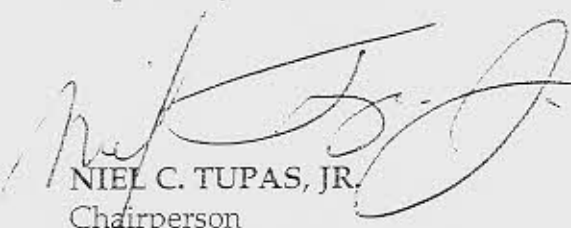
AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT IN THE THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL TO BE
STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGOLOAN, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (K) OF BATAS
PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS *THE JUDICIARY
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980*, AS AMENDED, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of HB No. 1906 with Representatives Yevgeny Vincent B. Emano, Niel C. Tupas, Jr., and Jocelyn S. Limkaichong, as authors thereof.



JOCELYN S. LIMKAICHONG
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

Respectfully submitted,



NIEL C. TUPAS, JR.
Chairperson
Committee on Justice

The Honorable
The Speaker
House of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6798

Introduced by Representatives Yevgeny Vincent B. Emano, Niel C. Tupas,
Jr., and Jocelyn S. Limkaichong

AN ACT

CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGOLOAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 14, PARAGRAPH (K) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. There is hereby created an additional Regional Trial Court branch
2 in the Tenth Judicial Region, with seat at the Municipality of Tagoloan. Province of
3 Misamis Oriental.

4 The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly created branch of
5 the Regional Trial Court in the Tenth Judicial Region.

6 SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in coordination with the
7 Secretary of the Department of Justice shall immediately include in the Court's program
8 the operationalization of an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed
9 in the Municipality of Tagoloan. Province of Misamis Oriental, the funding of which
10 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Section 14 (k) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129 otherwise known as "The
Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980" as amended, and all other laws, rules and
regulation which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified
accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication
in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2012, WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A.M. AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM NOS. 3 & 4, MITRA BUILDING, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, QUEZON CITY

GUESTS:

1. JUSTICE ANTONIO EUGENIO – Dep. Court Administrator, Supreme Court
2. State Counsel ULYSSES AGUILA –Department of Justice
3. State Counsel PAULITO DE JESUS-Department of Justice
4. ASG. KARL MIRANDA – Office of the Solicitor General
5. Atty. VICTORIA ESTOESTA – Surviving Spouse
6. Ms. PERLITA AQUINO – Surviving Spouse

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Hon. Niel C. Tupas Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Justice, called the meeting to order at 9: 44 AM. Upon the motion made by Rep. Bataoil, calling of the roll was dispensed with.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 MEETING

Rep. Bataoil moved to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2012 meeting which motion was duly seconded by Rep. Lazatin. The Chair then approved the motion.

III PRELIMINARY REMARKS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Upon the Chair's request, Rep. Bataoil led the opening prayers for the day's meeting. The Chair then mentioned that there were 2 items in the day's agenda: creation of courts and the survivorship benefits for the surviving legitimate spouse of a deceased retired member of the Office of the Solicitor General.

IV. MEETING PROPER

A. CREATION OF COURT SALAS:

Atty. Antonio Eugenio, Sureme Court Deputy Court Administrator voiced support to the proposals on court creation. Among these bills:

- HB No. 5532 re: 6 RTC (Angeles, Pampanga) by Rep. Lazatin
- HB No. 5516 re: 2 RTC (Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay) Rep. R. Jalosjos
- HB No. 5519 and 5559 re: 1 MTC / 15 RTC (Antipolo, Rizal) by Reps. R. Puno and Acop
- HB No. 5533 re: 1 RTC (Digos, Davao Davao Del Sur) by Rep. Cagas
- HB No. 5534 re: 3 RTC (Malolos, Bulacan) by Rep. Sy Alvarado
- HB No. 5539 and 5540 re: 1RTC (Siniloan, Stacruz, Laguna) by Rep.San Luis
- HB No. 5644 re: 3 RTC (Puerto Princesa, Palawan) by Rep. Socrates
- HB No. 5562 re: 2 RTC (Argao, Cebu) by Rep. P. Garcia
- HB No. 5563 re: 4 RTC (Barili, Cebu) and HB No. 5564 re. 2 RTC (Toledo, Cebu) by Rep .P. J. Garcia
- HB No. 5604 re: 1 RTC (Talibon, Bohol) by Rep.Aumentado
- HB No. 5619 n 5775 re: 6 MTC / 1 RTC (Cebu City) by Reps. Del Mar and Osmeña
- HB No. 5659 n 6080 re: 2 RTC (Urdaneta) in 5 RTC (Lingayen, Alaminos,

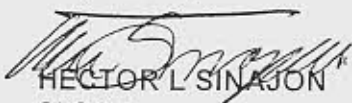
- Urdaneta, San Carlos, Dagupan, Pangasinan by Reps. K. Cojuangco and Bataoil
 - HB No. 5668 re: 5 RTC (Morong) and 2 RTC (San Mateo, Rizal) by Rep. I. Rodriguez
 - HB No. 5761 re: 1 RTC (Midsayap, North Cotabato) by Rep. J. Sacdalan
 - HB No. 5910 re: 1 RTC (Cotabato, Maguindanao) by Rep. B. Sema
 - HB No. 6574 re: 1 RTC (Bais, Negros Oriental) by Rep. Arnaiz
 - HB No. 6659 re: 2 RTC (Gumaca, Quezon) by Rep. Tañada
- B. HB No. 6570 re: GRANTING SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING LEGITIMATE SPOUSE OF A DECEASED RETIRED MEMBER OF THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL

Asst. Solicitor General Miranda expressed support for the said measure saying this will encourage more lawyers to join the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG). He added that a small amount of P1.7M will be needed to implement the program in its first year of implementation. Deputy Court Administrator Eugenio said a similar measure was approved to cover officials of the Office of the Court Administrator with judicial ranks. Likewise, Department of Justice State Counsel de Jesus expressed support to said measure and suggested that its coverage be expanded to other lawyers in the executive branch. The Chair said that the bill was filed to equalize benefits to OSG retirees. He mentioned that 2 weeks back, a similar bill on survivorship benefits to the Government Corporate Counsels was approved. Rep. Sacdalan then moved to approve HB No. 6570. Rep. Bataoil seconded the motion. The Chair then approved the motion.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Rep Sacdalan moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Rep. Bataoil. Hearing no objection, the Chair approved the motion. The time was 10:19 AM

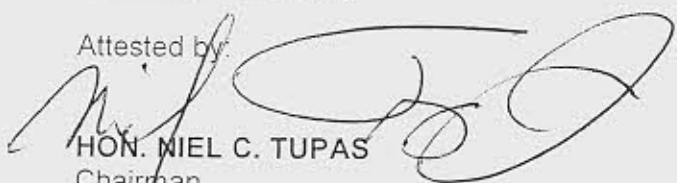
Prepared by:


HECTOR L. SINAJON
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Certified Correct:


ATTY. NARCISA H. GUEVARRA
 Committee Secretary

Attested by:


HON. NIEL C. TUPAS
 Chairman
 Committee on Justice

1. House Bill No. 5558, as contained in Committee Report No. 2628 and submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations, creating twelve additional branches of the Metropolitan Trial Court in the National Capital Judicial Region to be stationed in Pasig City, further amending for the purpose "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980";
2. House Bill No. 6851, as contained in Committee Report No. 2629 and submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations, creating an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Twelfth Judicial region to be stationed in Kidapawan City, North Cotabato, further amending for the purpose "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980";
3. House Bill No. 6811, as contained in Committee Report No. 2581 and submitted by the Committee on Health increasing the bed capacity of the Mayor Hilarion A. Ramiro Sr. Regional Training and Teaching Hospital;
4. House Bill No. 6816, as contained in Committee Report No. 2583 and submitted by the Committees on Natural Resources and Appropriations, declaring certain portions of Cagayan de Oro City as the Cagayan de Oro-Iponan watershed as a protected area under the category of protected landscape and its peripheral areas as buffer zone;
5. House Bill No. 3008, as contained in Committee Report No. 2608, and submitted by the Committee on Public Works and Highways, converting the Osmeña Extension Street to the CDO Port Road in Cagayan de Oro City into a National road;
6. House Bill No. 3173, as contained in Committee Report No. 2609, and submitted by the Committee on Public Works and Highways, converting the JCT. Bukidnon Cagayan de Oro Iligan Road (BCIR)-Agusan-Balubal-Sayre Highway in Cagayan de Oro City into a National Road;
7. House Bill No. 577, as contained in Committee Report No. 2610, and submitted by the Committee on Public Works and Highways, converting the Gusa Road in Cagayan de Oro City to J.R. Borja-Camaman-an-Indahag-Bukidnon Road as a National Road;
8. House Bill No. 6351, as contained in Committee Report No. 2611, and submitted by the Committee on Public Works and Highways, converting the Cemento Pagasa, Aurora, into a National Road;
9. House Bill No. 6348, as contained in Committee Report No. 2612, and submitted by the Committee on Public Works and Highways, converting the Dingalan-Umiray provincial road in Aurora into a National Road;
10. House Bill No. 6349, as contained in Committee Report No. 2613, and submitted by the Committee on Public Works and Highways, converting the Maria Aurora-Dimanpudso-Dipaculao provincial road in Aurora into a National Road;
11. House Bill No. 6350, as contained in Committee Report No. 2614, and submitted by the Committee on Public Works and Highways, converting the Casiguran-Dilasag provincial road connecting the Dilasag and Casiguran in Aurora into a National Road;

5. House Bill No. 6846, as contained in Committee Report No. 2617, and submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations, creating two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in Gumaca, Quezon, further amending for the purpose section 14, paragraph (c), of "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980";
6. House Bill No. 6847, as contained in Committee Report No. 2618, and submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations, creating an additional branch of the regional trial court in Digos, Davao del Sur, further amending for the purpose section 14, paragraph (l) of, "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980";
7. House Bill No. 5896, as contained in Committee Report No. 2619, and submitted by the Committee on Justice and Appropriations, creating three additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Fourth Judicial Region to be stationed in San Pedro, further amending for the purpose of "The Judiciary Act of 1980";
8. House Bill No. 6848, as contained in Committee Report No. 2620, and submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations, creating three additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in Malolos, Bulacan, further amending for the purpose section 14, paragraph (c) of "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980";
9. House Bill No. 2621, as contained in Committee Report No. 5910, and submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations, creating an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in Cotabato City, Maguindanao, further amending for the purpose of "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980";
10. House Bill No. 6849, as contained in Committee Report No. 2622, and submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations, creating additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in Talibon, Bohol, further amending for the purpose section 14, paragraph (h) of "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980";
11. House Bill No. 3728, as contained in Committee Report No. 2623, and submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations, creating two additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in Initao, Misamis Oriental, further amending for the purpose of "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980";
12. House Bill No. 6459, as contained in Committee Report No. 2624, and submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations, creating a Regional Trial Court branch in Calabanga, Camarines Sur, amending for the purpose section 14, paragraph (f) of "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980";
13. House Bill No. 5895, as contained in Committee Report No. 2625, and submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations, creating six additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in Biñan City, Laguna, further amending for the purpose of "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980";