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Introduced by Honorable **JOSEPHINE "Jaye" VERONIQUE R. LACSON - NOEL**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 16, Article III of our Constitution gives each person the right to a speedy trial. It provides that: "All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies."

The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 (Batas Pambansa Bilang 129) allotted the corresponding number of courts per judicial region based on the exigencies existing at that time.

Twenty seven years have passed since the effectivity of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129. Because of the increase in our population and the increase in the volume of cases filed, our court dockets have been clogged and this has resulted in the delay in the resolution of cases.

In order to improve the disposition and administration of justice and to ensure the right to a speedy trial, the number of courts must necessarily be increased.

In view of the foregoing provisions, the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.

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AN ACT

CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION, TO BE STATIONED IN MALABON CITY, METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(D) AND SECTION 27 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 the House of representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Three (3) additional Metropolitan Trial Court branches for Malabon City, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the National Capital Judicial Region.

SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches.

SECTION 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Sections 14 (d) and 27 of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as “The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980,” as amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, are hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general publication

Approved,