



Republic of the Philippines  
**House of Representatives**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila



**SIXTEENTH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 2350

Introduced by:

**REPRESENTATIVES**

**FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS (1<sup>st</sup> Dist., Surigao del Norte),  
GUILLERMO A. ROMARATE, JR. (2<sup>nd</sup> Dist., Surigao del Norte),  
PHILIP A. PICHAY (1<sup>st</sup> Dist., Surigao del Sur) and  
FLORENCIO C. GARAY (2<sup>nd</sup> Dist., Surigao del Sur)**


EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill, which was first filed in the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress and is re-filed *in toto* in the present Congress, seeks the establishment of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) CARAGA Regional Office No. XIII in Surigao City, Province of Surigao del Norte.


The Province of Surigao del Norte with Surigao City as its capital city is a mosaic of islands at the rim of the Asian continental shelf. It is perched at the northeastern tip of Mindanao and faces that abysmal canyon known as the Philippine Deep. It is a main transportation hub between Visayas and Mindanao hence; it is dubbed as the "gateway to Mindanao." It also hosts the major mining companies in the CARAGA Region and serves as the main port of shipment of extracted minerals of the region.

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

  
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#### AN ACT

**PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MARINE INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (MARINA) CARAGA REGION OFFICE NO. XIII IN SURIGAO CITY, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           **Section 1.** There shall be established, under the supervision of the  
2 Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) the Maritime  
3 Industry Authority (MARINA) CARAGA Regional Office No. XIII in Surigao City,  
4 Province of Surigao del Norte.

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6           **Section 2.** The Department of Transportation and Communications  
7 shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective  
8 implementation of this Act.

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10          **Section 3.** The amount necessary for the establishment of the said  
11 regional office shall be taken from the current funds of the Department of  
12 Transportation and Communications. Thereafter, such sum as may be  
13 necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in  
14 the succeeding annual General Appropriations Act.

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16          **Section 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
17 in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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19          *Approved.*