

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3234



Introduced by HONORABLE ANSARUDDIN A.M.A. ADIONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE  
ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS-PASSPORT ISSUANCE  
OFFICE IN THE CITY OF MARAWI, LANA DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR

This bill seeks to establish a Department of Foreign Affairs Passport Issuance Office in the City of Marawi, Province of Lanao del Sur.

The province is part of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and has a land area of 13,494.37 square meters with a total population of 1,138,544. It is composed of 39 municipalities and one city, Marawi City. Its adult population is almost half of the total population.

More particularly during hajj and umrah, pilgrims from Lanao del Sur still need to go to Cagayan de Oro City, Region X, to request for the issuance of a new passport, or the renewal of their old one. Most of the residents have to travel several hours to go to Cagayan de Oro and spend so much amount of money for their transportation and food allowance.

Hence, the establishment of a Department of Foreign Affairs Passport Issuance Office in Marawi City will certainly serve our Muslim brothers in Lanao del Sur and its neighboring provinces. The passage of this bill is earnestly sought for.

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**SECTION 2.** Appropriations.- The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment and every year thereafter.

**SECTION 3.** Implementation. The Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs shall issue rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

**SECTION 4.** Effectivity. This Act shall take effect after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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