

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



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HOUSE BILL NO. **4293**

Introduced by 1BAP Party List Representative Silvestre H. Bello III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) District Office in Mati City, Davao Oriental.

The National Bureau of Investigation is a line agency under the Department of Justice and serves as the premier investigative agency of the government. To perform its role and function as the lead agency in handling and solving major high profile criminal and administrative cases, the NBI maintains regional and district offices in the country for the purpose of implementing fully its principal functions and responsibilities under Republic Act No. 157, as amended. These offices provide technical assistance for efficient investigation of crimes and coordination among the national and local law enforcement agencies to maintain the peace and order of the area. These offices also take charge of the issuance and renewal of NBI clearance for employment, foreign travel and other lawful purposes.

Presently, the nearest NBI office from Mati City is its district office in Tagum City in Davao del Norte which is more than 100 kilometers away or equivalent to an average of two hours travel. Residents from various municipalities of Davao Oriental need to travel to Tagum City to avail of the services of the NBI, particularly NBI clearances. Hence, establishing an NBI District Office in Mati City will be beneficial not just for its residents but also for those of the nearby municipalities. An NBI District Office in Mati City will also mean that the effort, money and time to transact business with the NBI will be greatly minimized.

In consonance with the State's policy of providing access to services and giving preferential attention to the needs of the people, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DISTRICT OFFICE IN MATI CITY, DAVAO ORIENTAL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) District Office in Mati City, Davao Oriental.

SEC. 2. The NBI District Office shall serve as the frontline office of the NBI in Davao Oriental in performing the power and functions as are now vested on it under Republic Act No. 157, as amended, and such additional functions as may hereafter be provided by law.

SEC. 3. The Department of Justice shall, in consultation with the National Bureau Investigation, issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act, and appoint the necessary officers and employees to operate the NBI District Office in Mati City, subject to civil service laws, rules and regulations.

1 SEC. 4. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act
2 shall be charged to the current appropriations of the Department of Justice.
3 Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its continued implementation
4 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

5 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
6 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

7 Approved,