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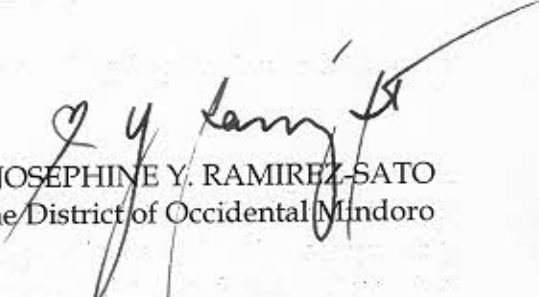
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a Southwestern Tagalog Region to be known as the MIMAROPA Region.

The Constitution provides that the President of the Philippines shall exercise general supervision over local government units to further accelerate the social and economic development of the provinces and cities comprising Region IV. Former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo issued Executive Order No. 103 dividing Region IV into Region IV-A and Region IV-B. Region IV-A, the CALABARZON Region, comprises the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon. Region IV-B, the MIMAROPA Region, comprises the provinces of Mindoro Occidental, Mindoro Oriental, Marinduque, Romblon, and Palawan.

The establishment of the MIMAROPA Region is envisaged to promote efficiency, economy, and the greater impact in the delivery of government services. Moreover, it will pave the way for the region to determine its growth thrust and greater attention can now be provided to the island provinces.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHWESTERN TAGALOG REGION TO
BE KNOWN AS THE MIMAROPA REGION

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

Section 1. *Declaration of Policy.* It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to promote simplicity, economy, and efficiency in the government to enable it to pursue programs consistent with national goals for accelerated social and economic development and to enhance inter-governmental relations for efficient and effective delivery of services.

It is also the policy of the State to formulate, after due consultations with appropriate government agencies, the private sector and local government units, socio-economic development programs in accordance with its mandate to promote a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income and wealth; a sustainable increase in the amount of goods and services for the benefit of the people.

The State shall promote administrative decentralization to strengthen the autonomy of the local government units and to accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the region.

Section 2. *Establishment and Composition.* The Southwestern Tagalog Region is hereby established to be known as the MIMAROPA Region which shall be composed of the following provinces and cities:

A. Provinces

1. Mindoro Oriental
2. Mindoro Occidental
3. Marinduque

4. Romblon
5. Palawan

B. Cities

1. Calapan City
2. Puerto Princesa City

Section 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The National Economic Development Authority, in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government shall formulate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act within sixty (60) days from its approval.

Section 4. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders and rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete public in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,