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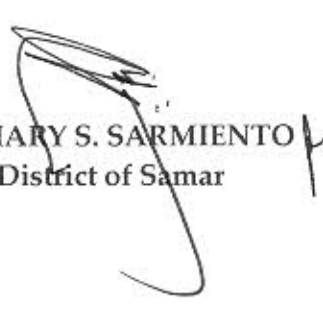
14 EXPLANATORY NOTE
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16 Given the increasing population of the Province of Samar, there is now a greater need for direct
17 government service delivery. This includes the issuance of a Philippine passport which is being
18 availed by Filipinos from all sectors of society. Presently, the residents of the Province of Samar
19 suffer through hours of travel in order to apply for or renew their passports.
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21 To ameliorate the situation, it is proposed that a Department of Foreign Affairs – Passport Issuance
22 Office be established in Calbayog City. This office shall enable the residents of Samar and nearby
23 provinces like Northern Samar to access the services of the DFA without much difficulty.
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25 For the aforementioned reasons, the undersigned submits this bill for the consideration of this
26 august body.
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14 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS – PASSPORT ISSUANCE
15 OFFICE IN CALBAYOG CITY, PROVINCE OF SAMAR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
16 THEREFOR
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18 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

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20 **Section 1.** There shall be established a Department of Foreign Affairs – Passport Issuance Office in
21 Calbayog City, Province of Samar.

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23 **Section 2. Appropriation.** The Secretary of Foreign Affairs shall include in the Department's
24 programs the operationalization of the Passport Issuance Office in Calbayog City, the initial
25 funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations. Thereafter, such sums
26 as may be necessary for the regular and continued operation of the Department of Foreign Office -
27 Passport Issuance Office in Calbayog City shall be included in the annual General Appropriations
28 Act.

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30 **Section 3. Implementation.** The Secretary of Foreign Affairs or its deputized officer shall issue rules
31 and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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33 **Section 3. Effectivity.** – This Act shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in a
34 newspaper of general circulation or the Official Gazette of the Philippines.

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36 Approved.