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House Bill No. 7032

Introduced by **Honorable ERLPE JOHN "PING" M. AMANTE**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a new barangay, which shall be carved out from Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Kitcharao, Province of Agusan del Norte, to be known as Barangay Crossing.

Barangay Crossing was created via Provincial Ordinance No. 155-2004 last 2004. A plebiscite, which ratified its creation, was conducted last November 26, 2005 by the Commission on Elections in compliance with Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991.

Based on the 2015 Census conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority, the proposed barangay has a total population of 3,274 while its mother barangay, Barangay Poblacion has 2,198. This shows that the creation of Barangay Crossing will not reduce the population of the mother barangay to less than the prescribed minimum of 2,000 as provided by law.

While the barangay has already operated independently for more than a decade, the officials of Barangay Crossing are still grappling to provide adequate services to their constituents due to limited funding, which the Provincial and Municipal Governments are currently providing. With the growing number of people in Barangay Crossing, it is deemed crucial to seek for its recognition from the National Government so that it may be able to secure more and stable funding through the Internal Revenue Allotment.

In view of the foregoing, I hereby request for the swift approval of this bill.


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AN ACT
CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY
CROSSING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KITCHARAO, PROVINCE OF
AGUSAN DEL NORTE

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

SECTION 1. *Creation of Barangay Crossing.* – There shall be created a Barangay in the Municipality of Kitcharao, Province of Agusan del Norte, to be known as Barangay Crossing, which was separated from Barangay Poblacion in the same municipality and constituted as a distinct and independent barangay under Provincial Ordinance No. 155-2004 in 2004.

SECTION 2. *Territorial Boundaries.* – The territorial jurisdiction of Barangay Crossing shall be composed of sitios Crossing A, Crossing B, Lapucon, Curvada, Anibongan, and Little Baguio.

It is bounded in the EAST by Mahayahay and Sangay boundary; WEST by Lake Mainit until it intersects Kitcharao-Jabonga-Mainit boundary; NORTH by Mamkas River; and SOUTH by Sangay-San Roque boundary.

SECTION 3. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.* – The plebiscite conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections in Barangay Poblacion on November 26, 2005 pursuant to Provincial Ordinance No. 155-2004 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Agusan del Norte, which ratified the creation of Barangay Crossing, shall serve as substantial compliance with the plebiscite requirement under

Section 10 of Republic Act 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991."

SECTION 4. *Incumbent Barangay Officials.* - The incumbent barangay officials of Barangay Crossing shall continue to hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 5. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities.* - All public infrastructures and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the new barangay.

SECTION 6. *Internal Revenue Allotment Shares.* - Barangay Crossing shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,