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House Bill No. 7475

Introduced by **Hon. ALAN 1 B. ECLEO**

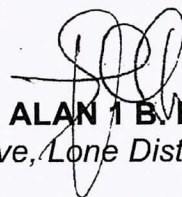
EXPLANATORY NOTE

None other than the 1987 Constitution recognizes the vital role of science and technology for national development and progress. Moreover, the State encourages the widest participation of local governments in the generation and utilization of science and technology. In contemplation of the Department of Science and Technology, Executive Order No. 128 mandates the said department to "provide central direction, leadership and coordination of scientific and technological efforts and ensure that the results therefrom are geared and utilized in areas of maximum economic and social benefits for the people".

Being geographically challenged as it is, the Province of Dinagat Islands is at a disadvantaged end in terms of better innovation. It is undeniable that the province has so much to offer especially when it comes to agriculture. However, due to the lack of technological assistance to Dinagat's various agencies, these wide-array potentials are in the verge of being wasted. This is what needs to be prevented in order to utilize the inherent capability of Dinagat as a province.

In line with the preceding, this bill proposes the establishment of a Provincial Science and Technology Center (PSTC) in the Province of Dinagat Islands. This will certainly bolster the economy as it will address the technological requirements of the agencies and will also aid the province to be more attuned to the changing needs of time.

In the best interest of our citizens, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



ALAN 1 B. ECLEO

Representative, Lone District of Dinagat Islands



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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF DINAGAT
ISLANDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of Provincial Science and Technology Center in the Province of Dinagat Islands.* – As mandated by Republic Act 6959, there shall be established, under the direct supervision of the Department of Science and Technology, a Provincial Center for Science and Technology in the Municipality of San Jose, Province of Dinagat Islands, to be known as the DOST Provincial Science and Technology Center of the Province of Dinagat Islands, which shall determine and conduct technological research and development plans for the entire province.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Records and Assets.* – The Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology shall transfer the records, property, equipment, supplies, and materials pertaining to the jurisdiction and administration of the said Provincial Science and Technology Center in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Science and Technology shall include in the department's program the operationalization of the DOST Provincial Science and Technology Center of the Province of Dinagat Islands, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Department of Science and Technology, and thereafter, the succeeding funding shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within six (6) months following the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Science and Technology shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* Should any part or provision of this Act be held unconstitutional or invalid, the provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* Any other law, issuance or part thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation

Approved,