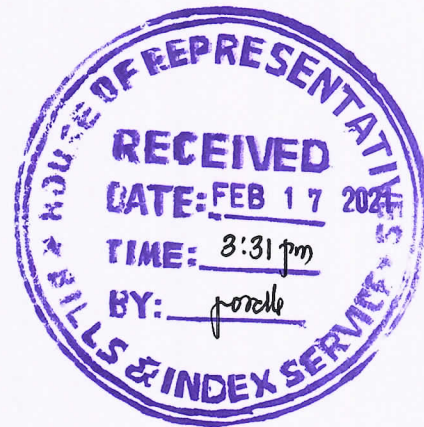


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Introduced by **HON. EDGAR M. CHATTO**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Bohol is home to more than 50,000 overseas Filipino workers (OFWs). And with the opening of the Bohol-Panglao International Airport on November 27, 2018, the influx of tourists has steadily increased.

It becomes an imperative, hence, for the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) to establish its presence in the province to perform not only passport-related transactions but regular consular functions.

At present, Boholanos in need of consular services are forced to travel to Negros Occidental, Cebu and Manila which is a waste of time, effort and resources.

With access to improved public service as the primary motivation, a DFA office in Bohol would greatly facilitate not only the need of Boholanos but also of others needing consular services.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the passage of this law is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGULAR DEPARTMENT FOREIGN OF
AFFAIRS' (DFA) CONSULAR OFFICE IN THE CITY OF TAGBILARAN,
PROVINCE OF BOHOL APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Establishment of Regular Department of Foreign Affairs' Consular Office in the Province of Cotabato particularly in Kidapawan City".

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to promote social justice in all phases of development. Social justice includes social opportunity and that this opportunity be made available to everybody.

Section 3. Establishment of the Consular Office. – There shall be established a regular Department of Foreign Affairs' Consular Office in the Province of Cotabato, particularly in Kidapawan city.

Section 4. Nature of the Consular Office. – The consular office sought to be established through this bill is a regular office and not a satellite office.

Section 5. Functions. – The regular consular office sought to be established shall perform functions the same as those which are being performed by the existing regular consular offices of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Section 6. Appropriations. – Funding for this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment and so forth.

Section 7. Separability Clause. – Provisions of this Act not declared as unconstitutional shall remain effective.

Section 8. Repealing Clause. – All other laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are repealed or amended.

Section 9. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,