

**Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City
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House Bill No. 10518**



Introduced by Hon. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado

The population of the Province of Bohol has increased significantly in the past years and the demand for efficient government services has also increased. Among the most requested government service that the people of Bohol are asking for is the establishment of an extension office of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in the province to accommodate their travel and foreign affairs needs. The residents of Bohol still have to go to Cebu or to Manila to apply or renew their passports.

This bill proposes an extension office of the Department of Foreign Affairs to be established in Tagbilaran City. The extension office shall operate as a sub-regional office and allow the people of Bohol to gain easy access to the services of the DFA.

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

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**AN ACT
CREATING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS IN TAGBILARAN CITY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. An extension office of the Department of Foreign Affairs shall be created in Tagbilaran City, Province of Bohol. The extension office shall serve as the sub-regional hub for the province of Bohol and provide services for the people.

SEC.2. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs shall include in the Department's programs the operationalization of the regular extension office in Tagbilaran City, Bohol.

SEC. 3 Appropriations.- The initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the satellite office located in Tagbilaran City, Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the regular continued operation of the DFA Extension Office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Effectivity.- This Act shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved