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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Bill No. 10818

Introduced by Representative STRIKE B. REVILLA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the essential documents a Filipino citizen should possess is a passport. A passport is an internationally recognized travel document that permits the bearer to cross international borders. It typically includes a person's name, place, date of birth, photo, signature, sex, nationality, or citizenship. Passports are issued by national governments for use by their citizens and serve as valid identification for people who lack other forms of identification, such as driver's licenses or state-issued ID cards. As one possesses a passport, he or she will enjoy his or her constitutionally enshrined right to travel.

Based on the 2020 census, the population of the City of Bacoor is 664,625 people, with a density of 14,000 inhabitants per square kilometre or 36,000 inhabitants per square mile. It is the second most populous city in the province after Dasmariñas. The city is even known as a bedroom community of Metro Manila which owes its large population to the influx of low and middle-income settlers who availed of the various housing projects and subdivisions in the City.

Noteworthy is the fact that the City of Bacoor produces a lot of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) especially seafarers. It is for this reason that an establishment of a Department of Foreign Affairs Regional Consular Office in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite is a must. This will help not only our constituents especially Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) to lessen transportation cost and other expenses in acquiring a Philippine passport. Nearby cities and municipalities will surely likewise benefit from this.

The establishment of Department of Foreign Affairs Regional Consular Office in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite will bring public service straight to the people.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REGIONAL
CONSULAR OFFICE IN THE CITY OF BACOOOR, CAVITE AND PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall also be known as the "Department of Foreign Affairs -City of Bacoor".

SEC. 2. Declaration of State Policy. - It is the policy of the State to promote social justice in all phases of national development. This is to provide easy access and opportunity to everyone.

SEC. 3. The Department of Foreign Affairs shall be established a regional office in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite to serve the constituents not only in the Second Legislative District of Cavite but also the neighboring cities and municipalities.

SEC. 4. The functions of the regular consular office shall be the same with the other existing regular consular offices of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

SEC. 5. Appropriations. - This Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive orders, proclamations, rules, regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,