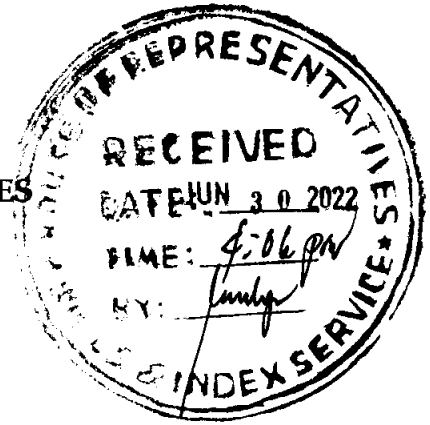


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed bill seeks to revive the Negros Island Region (NIR) to be composed of the Provinces of Negros Occidental and Oriental.

It has been the declared policy of "the State that the territorial and political subdivisions of the State shall enjoy genuine and meaningful local autonomy to enable them to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities and make them more effective partners in the attainment of national goals." Relative thereto, the State has adopted a process of decentralization where local government units are given more powers, authority and resources.

The purpose of reviving the NIR is in furtherance of the above declared policy. It is aimed at ensuring the effective delivery of basic services to the people as enshrined in the 1987 Constitution. Given the strategic location, size, and distance of Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental, they should be governed by one administrative region to fully achieve efficiency in delivery of services to the people and to promote social and economic development in the covered area.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of the proposed bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE NEGROS ISLAND REGION AND FOR OTHER
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the Negros Island Region Act of 2022.

SECTION 2. The Negros Island Region is hereby created which shall be composed of the following provinces, including the Cities, Municipalities, and Barangays comprising the provinces below mentioned:

A. Negros Oriental; and

B. Negros Occidental.

SECTION 3. The Department of Interior and Local Government, in consultation with the governors and elective representatives of the two provinces shall determine the regional offices created under this Act.

SECTION 4. Upon approval hereof, the Department of Interior and Local Government and the Department of Budget and Management are mandated to immediately supervise the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.