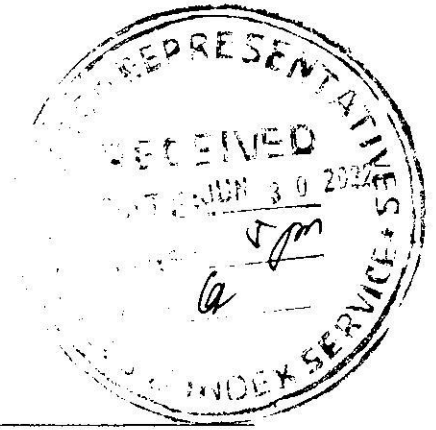




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HOUSE BILL No. **413**



Introduced by: **HON. CARL NICOLAS C. CARI**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This legislative measure seeks to create a Drug Court to be stationed in the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte.

The Fifth District of Leyte has one (1) city and eight (8) municipalities within its jurisdiction. There is a demand for the immediate resolution of cases filed in the existing Baybay RTC. The lack of available court salas create a serious backlog of cases contributing immensely to the delay in the administration of justice.

The proposed legislation will ensure the speedy disposition of cases, and justice will be properly served in a manner advantageous to the growing populace in and around the area.

In view of this foregoing and in the interest of expeditious, fair, and impartial delivery of justice, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

Respectfully submitted,

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AN ACT CREATING A DRUG COURT BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF BAYBAY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

**ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1. The creation of a Drug Court branch to be stationed in the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte is hereby created in the Eighth Judicial Region.

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly created Regional Trial Court Branch in the Eighth Judicial Region

SECTION 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization of the additional Regional Trial Court branch to be stationed in the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

SECTION 3. Section 14 (i) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules, and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED.