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HOUSE BILL NO. 1838



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to create an extension office of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) in the Municipality of Liloy, Province of Zamboanga del Norte.

The main functions of MARINA include the supervision and regulation of the use of vessels, from small-scale fishing boats to large crafts for transport. The agency also provides financial and technological assistance to the fisherfolk within its area.

While there is an existing Regional Office and Extension Offices of MARINA in Region IX, these offices are not able to fully cater to the needs of the coastal residents of the Province of Zamboanga del Norte. In particular, from the Municipality of Liloy, which is the seat of the 3rd District of Zamboanga del Norte, the nearest MARINA office is the Dapitan Extension Office, which is 148.9 kilometers away. On the other hand, MARINA Region IX Office in Pagadian City and the Zamboanga City Extension Office are 163.8 kilometers and 178 kilometers away from Liloy, respectively.

Because of the great distance from the MARINA offices, numerous fisherfolk in the 3rd District of Zamboanga del Norte have difficulty registering their vessels. Having a MARINA extension office in Liloy will ensure that the vessels and equipment the residents are using are safe and sea-worthy, in order to avoid mishaps in the sea and to protect passengers and fisherfolk alike. The proposed MARINA extension office in the Municipality of Liloy could be placed near the existing Liloy Seaport, which is managed by the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA).

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


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**AN ACT CREATING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (MARINA) IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF LILOY, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. An extension office of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) shall be created in the Municipality of Lilooy, Zamboanga del Norte. The extension office shall provide services for the residents of the Province of Zamboanga del Norte and other nearby provinces.

SEC. 2. The Administrator of MARINA shall immediately include in the Agency's programs the operationalization of the MARINA Extension Office in the Municipality of Lilooy, Zamboanga del Norte, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Transportation, thru the Administrator of MARINA, is hereby authorized to reorganize the offices, personnel, funds, and properties of the MARINA within Region IX towards the effective and efficient delivery of services for the residents of Zamboanga del Norte. The Secretary of Transportation and the MARINA shall submit the consolidated reorganization plan and any amendments thereof to the President of the Philippines for his approval.

SEC. 4. This Act shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,