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H. B. No. 2513



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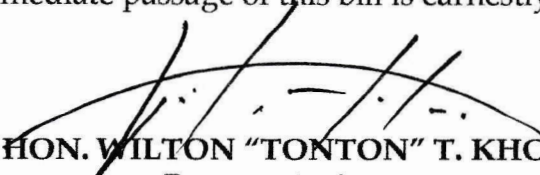
AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND
DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF CATAINGAN IN THE THIRD (3RD) DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE
OF MASBATE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes to formally establish a district office of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in the Municipality of Cataingan, Province of Masbate. At the present, the DSWD serves our beloved Masbateños through its Region V Field Office located at the City of Legazpi, Province of Albay and through its Provincial Operations Office at Masbate City. The Province of Masbate is one of the provinces usually impacted by natural calamities. The delivery of social services and other aid to our beloved Masbateños are affected by the considerable distance of the DSWD's Offices, thereby imposing difficulties to my constituents intending to avail of the government's social services.

Now is the best time for the national government to give a closer attention and become more responsive to the needs of our beloved Masbateños. This can be done by establishing a DSWD district office in the Municipality of Cataingan, so that its social services can be readily accessed by our people without the need to go to other faraway places, and so that the formulation of development policies by the DSWD can be better attuned to the needs of the people of the Province of Masbate.

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


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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a district office of the Department of Social
Welfare and Development (DSWD) in the Municipality of Cataingan in the Third (3rd)
District of the Province of Masbate.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Social Welfare and Development shall immediately include in
the Department's programs the establishment, operationalization, and maintenance of
the DSWD district office in the Municipality of Cataingan in the Third (3rd) District of the
Province of Masbate, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Social Welfare and Development shall formulate the necessary
rules and regulations to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 4. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions
not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, orders, and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent
with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*
or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,