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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 4, Article X of the 1987 Constitution provides that the President of the Philippines shall exercise general supervision over local government units. As such, the administrative regions were established to further accelerate the social and economic development of the provinces and cities. Thus, former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo issued Executive Order No. 103, which has divided Region IV into Region IV-A and Region IV-B to further promote efficiency in the Government, accelerate social and economic development and improve public services. Region IV-A, the CALABARZON Region, comprises the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon. Region IV-B is now renamed to MIMAROPA, by virtue of Republic Act No. 10879 or otherwise known as the "MIMAROPA Act."

CALABARZON Region is envisaged to promote efficiency, economy and the greater impact in the delivery of government services. Moreover, it will strengthen and pave the way for the region to continue its economic growth thrust. CALABARZON is one of the leaders in economic growth amongst the administrative regions in the country. As testament to that, as of 2022, CALABARZON has been published by the Philippine Statistics Authority to have the second highest in the Gross Domestic Product Growth at fourteen-point eight percent (14.8%).

This bill seeks to establish a Southern Tagalog Region to be known as CALABARZON Region.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHERN TAGALOG REGION TO BE KNOWN
AS THE CALABARZON REGION**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “CALABARZON Act.”

SECTION 2. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote efficiency in the government to enable it to pursue programs consistent with national goals for accelerated social and economic development. Further, it will also enhance inter-governmental nations for efficient and effective delivery of services.

Pursuant to this policy, the State shall promote administrative decentralization to strengthen the autonomy of the local government units and accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the region.

SECTION 3. The CALABARZON Region is hereby established to and shall be composed of the following provinces and cities:

A. Provinces:

1. Batangas;
2. Cavite;
3. Laguna;
4. Quezon; and
5. Rizal.

B. Independent City:

1. Lucena City

C. Component Cities:

1. Antipolo City;
2. Bacoor City;
3. Batangas City;

4. Biñan City;
5. Cabuyao City;
6. Calaca City;
7. Calamba City;
8. Cavite City;
9. Dasmariñas City;
10. General Trias City;
11. Imus City;
12. Lipa City;
13. San Pablo City;
14. San Pedro City;
15. Santa Rosa City;
16. Santo Tomas City;
17. Tagaytay City;
18. Tanauan City;
19. Tayabas City; and
20. Trece Martires City.

SECTION 4. Privileges of the CALABARZON Region – The same privileges under the rules and regulations covering the regions shall remain in force.

SECTION 5. The national government shall establish a Regional Center in the CALABARZON Region which shall be the location of the regional offices of the various Departments and National Government Agencies in the Executive Branch. The various Departments and National Government Agencies are mandated to establish their respective regional offices in the CALABARZON Region.

SECTION 6. *Establishment of the CALABARZON Technical Working Group* – Representatives from the Office of the President (OP), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the representatives of the Provinces of CALABARZON, is hereby constituted to form a CALABARZON Technical Working Group.

The CALABARZON – TWG will formulate a roadmap to put in place the institutional arrangements for the CALABARZON Region; recommend to the OP the preferred Regional Center, arrange the requirements for organizational development, staffing, and budgeting of regional line and regulatory agencies, as well as the imperatives for development planning and investment programming. The CALABARZON-TWG will be sustained CALABARZON Roadmap is approved by the OP.

SECTION 6. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the various agencies and local government units involved. Thereafter, the amount needed for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 7. Within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, the National Economic and Development Authority, in coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 8. If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,