



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. **8707**



Introduced by Representative Jefferson F. Khonghun

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This representation is not deaf and blind to what is happening inside our prisons.

The Commission on Human Rights (CHR), in a report published in April 2015, determined that overcrowding is the main concern in police lockup cells. Overcrowding is obviously dangerous to human health as it breeds diseases, breaks down discipline and exacerbates tensions. Having to fight for air and space 24 hours a day make prison, in the words of inmates, a living death.

This bill seeks to provide for the construction of an additional building for the Zambales Provincial Jail located at Iba, Zambales. Gathering individuals in cramped spaces is cruel, inhuman, degrading, and unjust punishment. It is high-time to make long-overdue reforms seeking to end the suffering of inmates in the country.

Absent a nationwide campaign to address such pressing problem, it is imperative to find a solution to the overcrowding of prison facilities in the Province of Zambales. Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL
BUILDING FOR THE ZAMBALES PROVINCIAL JAIL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF IBA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be constructed, under the supervision of the
Department of Public Works and Highways, an additional building for the
Zambales Provincial Jail in the Municipality of Iba, Province of Zambales.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of
this Act shall be charged to the appropriation of the Bureau of Jail
Management and Penology of the Department of Justice. Therefore, such sum
as may be necessary for the repair and maintenance of the building shall be
included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,