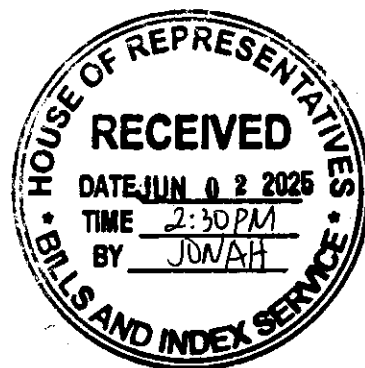




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HOUSE BILL NO. 11516



Introduced by Honorable Luz V. Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

With the current alphabetical list of provinces nationwide which is deeply separating the Province of Southern Leyte from the Province of Leyte where it came from, this bill seeks to enhance the identity of Southern Leyte as geographically a part of the Leyte Island with a distinct personality of its own.

The enhance nominal image of Southern Leyte once it will become Leyte del Sur could add more essence to a province which is widely ignored currently owing to its far listing from its mother province of Leyte. The most common dilemma right now for those who are not familiar with Southern Leyte is that it has always been mistaken as not to have existed due the fact that list of provinces can be easily mistaken as listing only the Province of Leyte as Southern Leyte will normally come far down the list together with provinces whose names start with letter "s". The historical significance should also highlighted by reason of its Spanish influence on the province being the site where Spanish friar celebrated Holy Mass on Easter Sunday, 1521.

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

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**AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF THE PROVINCE OF
SOUTHERN LEYTE TO LEYTE DEL SUR**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The name of the Province of Southern Leyte is hereby
2 changed to Province of Leyte del Sur.

3 **SECTION 2.** The amount necessary for the conduct of the plebiscite
4 shall be borne by the Province of Southern Leyte

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6 The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall conduct and
7 supervise the plebiscite to be held in the entire Province of
8 Southern Leyte.

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10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Interior and Local Government
11 (DILG) shall implement this Act.

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13 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 complete publication in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,