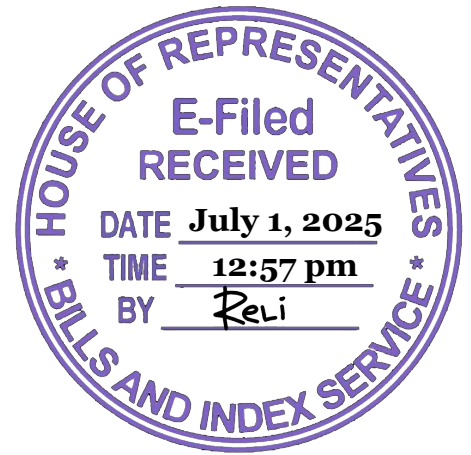


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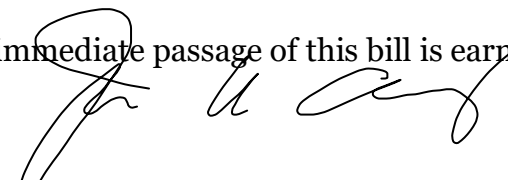
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish an Office of the Registry of Deeds of the City of Sipalay, Province of Negros Occidental.

Presidential Decree No. 1529, otherwise known as the Property Registration Decree, substantially states that there shall be at least one Registry of Deeds for each province and one for each city.

As of now, the City of Sipalay, despite its status as a city, does not yet have its own Office of the Registry of Deeds. Establishing such an office is essential to provide residents with more convenient access to services such as property registration and the issuance of certified true copies of land titles, eliminating the need to travel to more distant locations. By setting up the said office, the government promotes transparency and accessibility of land records, thereby strengthening public trust in the land administration system and upholding the integrity of official public documents.

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


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AN ACT
CREATING AN OFFICE OF THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF THE CITY OF
SIPALAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 Section 1. There shall be established an Office of the Registry of Deeds in the
2 City of Sipalay, Province of Negros Occidental.

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4 Sec. 2. The City Register of Deeds shall be appointed by the President of the
5 Philippines, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Department of Justice
6 (“DOJ”). The City Register of Deeds shall be assisted by a staff, who shall be appointed
7 by the Secretary of the DOJ upon the recommendation of the Administrator of the
8 Land Registration Authority, in accordance with existing laws.

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10 Should the revenue collected by the Office of the Registry of Deeds during its
11 first three years of operation meet the annual average standards as prescribed in
12 Section 7 of Presidential Decree No. 1529, otherwise known as the Property
13 Registration Decree, a second Deputy Registry of Deeds shall be appointed by the
14 Secretary of the DOJ upon recommendation of the Administrator of the Land
15 Registration Authority.

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2 Sec. 3. All records, office equipment, and supplies exclusively purchased and
3 used for the jurisdiction of the Office of the Registry of Deeds of the City of Sipalay,
4 currently held by the Office of the Registry of Deeds of the City of Bacolod, shall be
5 transferred to the Office of the Registry of Deeds of the City of Sipalay.
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7 Sec. 4. Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the
8 Secretary of the DOJ shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the
9 provisions of this Act.
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11 Sec. 5. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be
12 charged to the appropriation of the Department of Justice under the current General
13 Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the operation
14 and maintenance of the Office of the Registry of Deeds of the City of Sipalay shall be
15 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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17 Sec. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the
18 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,