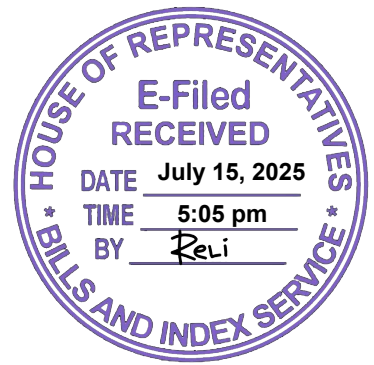


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Cagayan de Oro City is a 1st class highly urbanized city in Northern Mindanao. It is the capital of the province of Misamis Oriental. According to data from the Philippines Statistics Authority, it has a population of 728,402.

Cagayan de Oro is also considered the regional center and business hub of Northern Mindanao. Business and trade in the City are booming bringing with it numerous investment and development opportunities.

Cagayan de Oro was previously cited by the United Nations as an “emerging city of tomorrow” and was previously named by the Department of Trade and Industry as the country's “Top 5 Most Competitive City”.

With this and the increasing population, unfortunately, the Courts in the City are being overwhelmed, resulting in the unintentional violation of the people's right to “a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies”.

Hence, this proposed bill to create an additional four (4) branches of the Regional Trial Court in Cagayan de Oro City to address the backlog of cases in the City.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.

  
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AN ACT

CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(k) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED

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

**SECTION 1.** Four (4) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Tenth Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in Cagayan de Oro City, Province of Misamis Oriental.

Of these four (4) additional branches, one (1) will be a Family Court, one (1) will be a Special Drugs Court, and two (2) will be Regular Courts.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court

**SEC. 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization of the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the City of Cagayan de Oro, Misamis Oriental.

**SEC. 3.** The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including appropriations for personnel services such as salaries, benefits and emoluments for judges and court personnel, court operations under maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE), and provisions for Halls of Justice or court rooms to accommodate judges and court staff, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 4.** Section 14 (k) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,