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HOUSE BILL NO. 4168



Introduced by **ATTY. MARLO C. BANCORO**
First District, Zamboanga Sibugay

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Zamboanga Sibugay consists of sixteen (16) municipalities, with the seat of government and provincial capitol located in the Municipality of Ipil. While this central hub serves the entire province, it poses a significant challenge for others, particularly those in the First District such as Malangas, Alicia, Buug, Imelda, Diplahan, Payao, Olutanga, Talusan and Mabuhay, due to their considerable distance from Ipil.

For constituents from these areas, transacting with national government agencies or provincial offices in Ipil entails considerable hardship. On average, residents of Malangas must travel more than one hour by land, excluding the time spent in queues for services. For municipalities located farther or with island connections, such as Olutanga, travel can stretch to two to three hours. These lengthy travel times not only cause inconvenience but also impose additional transportation and other costs, lost income opportunities and reduced access to timely government assistance.

This bill proposes the establishment of Malangas Sub-Capitol Government Center in the Municipality of Malangas, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay to house satellite offices of various national government agencies, judicial branches and relevant provincial offices.

Malangas is strategically positioned in the heart of the First District, making it significantly more accessible to its neighboring municipalities. For instance, Buug is only about 25 kilometers away, while Alicia is roughly 30 kilometers—less than an hour's travel. The island municipalities of Olutanga, Talusan and Mabuhay, reachable via a short ferry ride to Alicia and onward land travel, would also see reduced travel burdens compared to the current route to Ipil.

With one of its key features is the creation of a one-stop shop, this initiative will decentralize key government services and bring the government closer to the people, reduce travel burdens and foster more efficient and responsive public service delivery.

Furthermore, the establishment of the Malangas Sub-Capitol Government Center will spur local economic activity, create jobs, and improve inter-agency coordination in the area, thereby contributing to the overall development of the district.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marlo C. Bancoro', is positioned above the printed name. The signature is stylized with a large, looping 'M' and a distinct 'B'.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SUB-CAPITOL GOVERNMENT CENTER FOR
SATELLITE OFFICES OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND THE
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, TO BE
LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALANGAS, PROVINCE OF
ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. **Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “*Zamboanga Sibugay Sub-Capitol Government Center Act of 2025.*”

SEC. 2. **Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and promote accessible, efficient and responsive public service delivery in all regions of the country. To this end, the State shall establish decentralized government facilities that bring essential services closer to the people, particularly in geographically distant areas from the seat of provincial government.

SEC. 3. **Establishment of the Sub-Capitol Government Center.** – There is hereby established a Sub-Capitol Government Center in the Municipality of Malangas, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, to be known as the Zamboanga Sibugay Sub-Capitol Government Center. The Sub-Capitol Government Center shall serve as an extension of the Provincial Capitol in Ipil and shall house satellite offices of national government agencies and judicial branches. It shall provide frontline services to the residents of the First District of Zamboanga Sibugay and nearby municipalities.

SEC. 4. **Functions and Services.** – The Zamboanga Sibugay Sub-Capitol Government Center shall:

- a) Host satellite offices of national government agencies such as, but not limited to, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Land Transportation Office (LTO),

Supreme Court (SC), Department of Justice (DOJ), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Overseas Worker Welfare Administration (OWWA), Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), and Social Security System (SSS);

- b) Accommodate key provincial offices in Zamboanga Sibugay related to health, agriculture, infrastructure and social services, among others, as well as trial courts of the judiciary;
- c) Establish a One-Stop Shop (OSS) to integrate the operations of satellite offices of various national government agencies, relevant provincial offices, and concerned local government units in accordance with Republic Act No. 11032 or “*Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018*” and other applicable laws; and
- d) Serve as a hub for public information and government outreach programs in the First Legislative District and neighboring towns.

SEC. 5. **Manpower Requirements.** – Personnel from the national satellite government offices, judicial branches and provincial offices in the sub-capitol government center shall come from their respective offices. Additional positions may be created, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC), in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 6. **Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the establishment and operations of the Malangas Sub-Capitol Government Center Offices shall be charged to the annual budgets of the concerned national government agencies and the Provincial Government of Zamboanga Sibugay under the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

The initial funding shall be sourced from their current year’s appropriations, and thereafter, included in the annual GAA.

SEC. 7. **Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), in coordination with the Provincial Government of Zamboanga Sibugay and relevant national government agencies, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 8. **Separability Clause.** – If any provision or part of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. **Repealing Clause.** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, and other issuance inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 10. **Effectivity Clause.** This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,