

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4528



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Introduced by the **Honorable ANIELA BIANCA D. TOLENTINO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Philippine Statistics Authority reported that in 2023 there are about 2.16 million Filipinos who are working abroad. The same report also showed that the largest portion of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) come from Region IV-A, accounting for nineteen percent (19%) of the 2.15 million OFWs. This representation finds it necessary to ensure that the welfare of all OFWs must be served properly. As such, there is a need to put up a provincial office of the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) in the province of Cavite.

Putting up a provincial office of the DMW in Tagaytay City will help OFWs and their families in Cavite to have proper access to the programs and services of the DMW. While there are mobile outreach programs, this type of initiative cannot be a substitute for a permanent and fully operational presence of the DMW in the province of Cavite.

The proposed legislation herein seeks to establish the DMW Cavite Provincial Office shall serve as the primary hub for DMW operations in the province. When passed into law, it is also envisioned that it will decentralize the delivery of services, reduce financial and logistical burdens on OFWs, and sustain institutional support for the Filipino migrant sector in the provinces and nearby areas.

At this point, it should be highlighted that the DMW was established to make sure that the needs of our OFWs and their families will be adequately met. The proposed enactment herein will supplement the intended purpose for the creation of the DMW.

For the Filipino people, the approval of the bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF MIGRANT WORKERS IN TAGAYTAY CITY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE,  
TO BE KNOWN AS THE "DMW CAVITE PROVINCIAL OFFICE",  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** There shall be established a provincial office of the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) to be located in Tagaytay City, Province of Cavite, to be known as "DMW Cavite Provincial Office", which shall exercise jurisdiction over the Province of Cavite and shall be under the direct supervision of the DMW.

**SECTION 2.** The DMW Secretary shall include in the Department's program the operationalization of a provincial office in Tagaytay City, Province of Cavite, and shall transfer all records, property, equipment, supplies, and materials pertaining to the jurisdiction and administration of the new provincial office and shall provide all the necessary assistance in its establishment in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of the Department of Migrant Workers shall include in the Department's program the operationalization of the DMW Cavite Provincial Office in Tagaytay City, Province of Cavite, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 4.** Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DMW Secretary shall promulgate the rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

**SECTION 5.** All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are contrary to

and inconsistent with any provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 6.** If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect

**SECTION 7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*