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HOUSE BILL NO. 6044



Introduced by:

HON. CHRISTOPHERSON "COCO" M. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 9, Article II of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to "promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all."

In line with this constitutional directive, Congress enacted Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990. Section 56 of this law expressly provides:

"There shall be established at least one (1) fire station with adequate personnel, firefighting facilities and equipment in every provincial capital, city and municipality subject to the standards, rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the Department. The local government unit shall, however, provide the necessary land or site of the station." — RA 6975 (1990)

The Municipality of Pintuyan, Province of Southern Leyte, situated on Panaon Island, encompasses a land area of thirty-seven (37) square kilometers and, according to the 2020 National Census of Population and Housing, has a population of 10,202. From 2015 to 2022, Pintuyan recorded a population growth rate of 0.79%. The municipality is composed of twenty-three (23) barangays, each with its own barangay center, daycare center, and other essential facilities. It also hosts various municipal government offices, private establishments, and approximately 2,488 residential houses.

Currently, Pintuyan relies on the fire station of the Municipality of San Ricardo, which itself serves a population of 10,500. This arrangement places a significant

strain on the capacity of the San Ricardo Fire Station and leaves the residents and properties of Pintuyan at risk due to delayed emergency response times.

In view of the clear mandate of RA 6975 (1990) and the pressing need to safeguard the lives and properties of the people of Pintuyan, as well as public and private infrastructure, the establishment of a dedicated fire station in the Municipality of Pintuyan is both necessary and urgent.

In view of the foregoing, and in the spirit of SERBISYONG TINUORAY (genuine public service), the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A FIRE STATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PINTUYAN,
PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, 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 "Pintuyan Fire Station Act."

SECTION 2. Establishment of Fire Station. — There shall be established a fire station in the Municipality of Pintuyan, Province of Southern Leyte, under the supervision of the Bureau of Fire Protection of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in accordance with Section 56 of Republic Act No. 6975, as amended by Republic Act No. 11589.

SECTION 3. Appropriations. — The Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government shall include in the Department's program the establishment and operationalization of the fire station in the Municipality of Pintuyan, Province of Southern Leyte. The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the Bureau of Fire Protection under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the maintenance and operation of the fire station shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — The DILG and the Bureau of Fire Protection shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

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

Approved,