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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **6616**



Introduced by Representative ZALDY “JECOY” S. VILLA

AN ACT
CREATING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY
AUTHORITY LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SQUIJOR, ISLAND OF
SQUIJOR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

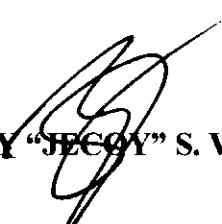
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) extension office in the Municipality of Siquijor, Province of Siquijor.

Siquijor is steadily growing in terms of tourism, trade, and sea transport. However, residents, vessel, operators, and other maritime stakeholders currently need to travel to neighboring provinces to process MARINA related documents such as vessel registration, seafarer concerns, safety certifications, and other regulatory requirements. This situation causes delays, added expenses, and inconvenience for the people and businesses in the province of Siquijor.

By creating MARINA Extension Office in the Municipality of Siquijor, Province of Siquijor, the government will bring essential maritime services closer to the community. This will support local economic activity, improve the efficiency of maritime operations, and strengthen safety and regulatory compliance in the province of Siquijor.

For these reasons, the early passage of this legislation is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. A Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Extension Office in the Municipality of Siquijor, Province of Siquijor is hereby created. The Extension Office shall provide services for the residents of Siquijor and its neighboring municipalities within the Island of Siquijor.

SECTION 2. The Administrator of the MARINA shall immediately include in the Agency’s programs the operationalization of the MARINA Extension Office in the Municipality of Siquijor, Province of Siquijor, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. Within Sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Department of Transportation, through the Administrator of the MARINA, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for its implementation.

SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.* – The declaration of invalidity of any provision of this Act or part thereof shall not affect the validity of the reaming provisions.

SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All law, decree, ordinance, or administrative circular not consistent with any provision of this Act is hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved.