



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. **6708**



Introduced by: Rep. Esmael G. Mangudadatu

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a District Engineering Office in the Municipality of Buluan, Maguindanao del Sur, which shall serve all the municipalities under the Lone Legislative District of Maguindanao del Sur.

Since its creation as a new province by virtue of the ratification through plebiscite of Republic Act No. 11550 in September 2022, no district engineering office had been created to serve the concerns of the newly created province. All public works in the province of Maguindanao del Sur have been placed under the administrative supervision of DPWH Field Office XII even though the province is under the Bangsamoro region, thus creating the need to go through the regional field office for even the most minute concerns and adding to its work load.

It is for this matter that the undersigned proposes for the establishment of a district engineering office primarily to serve the various engineering and public works concerns of the new province. Aside from providing an avenue for more efficient and timely service delivery, the presence of a district engineering office in Buluan, Maguindanao del Sur is also a reaffirmation of the national government's commitment for a *Bagong Pilipinas* where no one regardless of politics, ethnicity, or communal affiliation is to be left behind.

Aside from being the capitol and seat of power of Maguindanao del Sur, the municipality of Buluan is also strategically located as it is in the crossroads of major routes leading to agricultural and commercial hubs in Maguindanao del Sur and neighboring provinces and regions. Moreover, it is located midway between the two most far-flung municipalities of the province on both directions.

In view of the foregoing premises, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
CREATING A DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
OF MAGUINDANAO DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

INTRODUCED BY: REP. ESMAEL G. MANGUDADATU

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

SECTION 1. A district engineering office of the Department of Public Works and Highways is hereby created in the Lone Legislative District of Maguindanao del Sur, which is to be located in the Municipality of Buluan, and hereinafter referred to as the Maguindanao del Sur District Engineering Office.

SECTION 2. The Maguindanao del Sur District Engineering Office shall serve the capitol municipality of Buluan along with the municipalities of Ampatuan, Datu Abdullah Sangki, Datu Anggal Midtimbang, Datu Hoffer Ampatuan, Datu Montawal, Datu Paglas, Datu Piang, Datu Salibo, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Datu Unsay, General Salipada K. Pendatun, Guindulungan, Mamasapano, Mangudadatu, Pagalungan, Paglat, Pandag, Rajah Buayan, Shariff Aguak, Shariff Saydona Mustapha, Sultan sa Barongis, and Talayan, all in the province of Maguindanao del Sur.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Maguindanao del Sur District Engineering Office, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act for each succeeding year.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED.