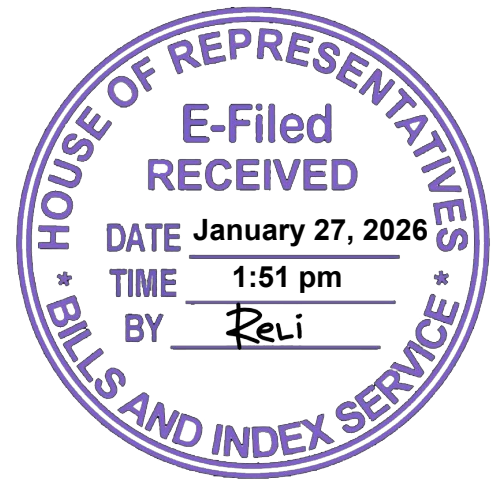


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **7399**



Introduced by Representative ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Sitio of Dalicno from Barangay Ampucao in the Municipality of Itogon, Province of Benguet and constitute it into a distinct and independent barangay to be known as Barangay Dalicno. This is in line with the constitutional policy of local autonomy and the provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7160, otherwise known as the "*Local Government Code of 1991*".

Article X, Section 2 of the 1987 Constitution mandates that territorial and political subdivisions of the Republic of the Philippines shall enjoy local autonomy. Consistent with this mandate, the Local Government Code of 1991 provides the legal framework for the creation of local government units, including barangays, to ensure effective governance and the efficient delivery of basic services to the people.

The Sitio of Dalicno, which forms part of Barangay Ampucao, has experienced significant growth in population, economic activity, and public infrastructure over the years. Its considerable distance from the barangay center has made access to essential government services, such as healthcare, education, peace and order, and administrative assistance, more difficult for its residents. The geographic separation, coupled with the expanding population, highlights the need to establish Dalicno as a separate barangay to allow local governance and development initiatives to respond more directly and effectively to its community's needs.

The creation of Barangay Dalicno will improve administrative efficiency, ensure more equitable access to government programs and services, and encourage greater participation of residents in local governance. It will likewise entitle the new barangay to an appropriate share in the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA), enabling it to fund basic infrastructure projects and deliver essential services for the benefit of its constituents.

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


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AN ACT
SEPARATING THE SITIO OF DALICNO FROM BARANGAY AMPUCAO, MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, AND CONSTITUTING IT INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY DALICNO

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

Section 1. *Creation of Barangay Dalicno.* — Sitio of Dalicno is hereby separated from Barangay Ampucao in the Municipality of Itogon, Province of Benguet to constitute a new barangay to be known as Barangay Dalicno.

SEC. 2. *Territorial Boundaries.* — The territorial boundaries of Barangay Dalicno shall be identified as follows:

“Bounded by Barangay Virac and Barangay Poblacion.”

SEC. 3. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.* — Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the “*Local Government Code of 1991*”, the new Barangay Dalicno shall exist upon the approval by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters of Barangay Ampucao in a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in the area affected, not later than one hundred twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act.

The amount necessary for the conduct of such plebiscite shall be borne by the Municipality of Itogon, Province of Benguet.

SEC. 4. *Barangay Officials.* — The first set of officials of Barangay Dalicno shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines and shall hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 5. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities.* — All public infrastructure and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are

hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the new barangay.

SEC. 6. *Internal Revenue Allotment Shares.* — Barangay Dalicno shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of the Local Government Code of 1991.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) working days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,