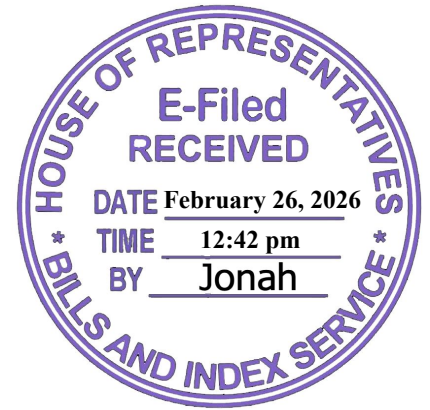




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HOUSE BILL NO. **8112**



Introduced by:

HON. CHRISTOPHERSON "COCO" M. YAP

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A ONE-STOP-SHOP SERVICE CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF SOGOD, SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN LEYTE,
INTEGRATING FRONTLINE SERVICES OF KEY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Access to essential government services remains a continuing challenge for many Filipinos living in provincial and geographically dispersed areas. In the Province of Southern Leyte, particularly in the municipalities comprising the Second Legislative District, residents often travel long distances to transact with various national government agencies for basic requirements such as civil registry documents, social security services, health insurance concerns, tax-related transactions, and housing program applications. These logistical and financial burdens result in delayed access to government assistance and reduced efficiency in public service delivery.

The Municipality of Sogod serves as the primary commercial and transportation hub of the Second District of Southern Leyte, making it a strategic and accessible location for the establishment of an integrated government service facility. Creating a centralized One-Stop-Shop Government Service Center in Sogod will significantly reduce travel time, transportation costs, and administrative inconvenience for constituents who would otherwise need to visit multiple offices located in different cities or provinces.

This proposed measure seeks to institutionalize a coordinated and citizen-centered approach to public service delivery by consolidating frontline services of key national government agencies, namely the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), Social Security System (SSS), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), and the Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-IBIG Fund), within a single accessible location. By integrating these high-demand services, the government can streamline transactions, improve inter-agency coordination, and enhance the overall efficiency and responsiveness of public service.

The bill likewise supports the national government's ongoing efforts to modernize bureaucracy, reduce red tape, and promote inclusive access to government programs through localized service hubs complemented by digital assistance and inter-agency cooperation. Establishing a district-level service center will not only improve convenience for citizens but also strengthen government presence and responsiveness in underserved communities.

Ultimately, this measure aims to bring government closer to the people by ensuring that essential public services are accessible, efficient, and responsive to the everyday needs of constituents in Southern Leyte.

In view of the foregoing, **ug sa ngalan sa SERBISYONG TINUORAY**, the undersigned respectfully requests the immediate passage of this measure.


CHRISTOPHERSON "COCO" M. YAP
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Southern Leyte Second District One-Stop-Shop Government Service Center Act."

Section 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to bring government services closer to the people by ensuring accessible, efficient, and integrated delivery of frontline public services, particularly in provinces where residents must travel long distances to transact with national government agencies.

Consistent with efforts to reduce bureaucratic red tape and improve citizen access to services, the State shall establish localized service hubs that consolidate multiple national government functions in a single location. Such one-stop-shop service mechanisms have been adopted nationwide to streamline transactions and improve public service delivery.

Section 3. *Establishment of the One-Stop-Shop Government Service Center.* – A National Government One-Stop-Shop Service Center is established in the Municipality of Sogod, Province of Southern Leyte, which shall primarily serve the residents of the Second Legislative District.

The Center shall function as an integrated facility where citizens may access multiple national government services through a single physical location.

The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) and other relevant agencies are hereby mandated to provide technical assistance to ensure the

expeditious issuance or release of any such requirement and subsequent clearance, permit, and application.

Section 4. *Participating Agencies* – The following agencies shall assign personnel, establish satellite desks, or provide regular on-site services within the Center:

- (a) Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA);
- (b) Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth);
- (c) Social Security System (SSS);
- (d) Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR);
- (e) Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-IBIG Fund);
- (f) Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth)

Section 6. *Functions of the Center*. – The One-Stop-Shop Service Center shall:

- (a) Provide integrated access to national government programs and assistance;
- (b) Reduce travel time and cost for constituents seeking government services;
- (c) Facilitate inter-agency coordination and faster processing of applications;
- (d) Support digital and online government platforms through assisted processing;
- and
- (e) Serve as a district-level hub for government outreach activities.

Section 7. *Appropriations*. – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and may be supplemented by grants, partnerships, or other lawful funding sources.

Section 8. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*. – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DICT, in consultation with concerned agencies and stakeholders, shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations.

Section 9. *Separability Clause*. – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act shall be declared as unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. *Repealing Clause*. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 11. *Effectivity*. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,