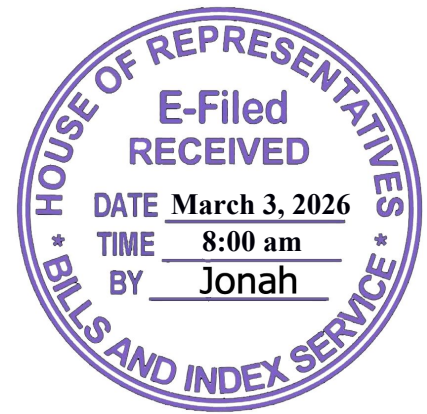


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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) remain one of the strongest pillars of the Philippine economy. In 2025 alone, remittances reached approximately US\$35.63 billion, accounting for about 7.3 percent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP). Beyond these numbers are millions of Filipino families whose daily sustenance, education, and future depend on the sacrifices of their loved ones working abroad. It is therefore the duty of the State to ensure that government services for OFWs are accessible, responsive, and within reach of the communities that need them most.

Data consistently show that Region IV-A (CALABARZON) hosts the largest concentration of OFWs in the country. Cavite, in particular, remains a major source of migrant workers and seafarers. The City of Bacoor is a prime example as there are over 60,000 OFWs claiming Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) membership status – which represents over 17 percent of the total OWWA membership in the province.

Bacoor also sits at a critical transportation crossroads connecting Cavite to Metro Manila and the rest of the region. With major road networks and transport infrastructure projects underway, the city offers an accessible and practical location for a provincial DMW office that can efficiently serve Caviteño OFWs and nearby communities.

Despite this high concentration and prime location, many OFWs and their families still need to travel significant distances to access services of the Department

of Migrant Workers (DMW), resulting in added costs, lost time, and unnecessary inconvenience—especially for distressed workers and their dependents who require urgent government assistance.

Establishing a DMW Cavite Provincial Office in Bacoor City will bring essential frontline services closer to migrant workers and their families—from documentation and welfare assistance to reintegration support and emergency response. More importantly, it will strengthen the government’s on-the-ground presence in one of the country’s largest OFW-sending regions, ensuring faster, more coordinated, and more compassionate service delivery.

At a time when the nation continues to rely heavily on the contributions of its modern-day heroes, it is both timely and necessary to expand institutional support where it is most needed. This measure affirms the State’s continuing commitment to protect and serve OFWs throughout the entire migration cycle.

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

  
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**ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MIGRANT WORKERS IN BACOR CITY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE “DMW CAVITE PROVINCIAL OFFICE”, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** There shall be established a provincial office of the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) to be located in Bacoor City, Province of Cavite, to be known as “DMW Cavite Provincial Office”, which shall exercise jurisdiction over the Province of Cavite and shall be under the direct supervision of the DMW.

**SEC. 2.** The DMW Secretary shall include in the Department’s program the operationalization of a provincial office in Bacoor City, Province of Cavite, and shall transfer all records, property, equipment, supplies, and materials pertaining to the jurisdiction and administration of the new provincial office and shall provide all the necessary assistance in its establishment in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

**SEC. 3.** The DMW Secretary shall include in the Department’s program the operationalization of the DMW Cavite Provincial Office in Bacoor City, Province of Cavite, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DMW Secretary shall promulgate the rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

**SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.*** – If any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected and thereby remain in full force and effect.

**SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,