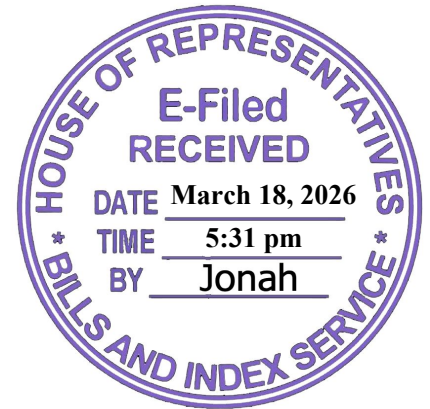




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House Bill No. **8698**



Introduced by Representatives **CHRISTOPHER SHEEN P. GONZALES** and
MARCELINO C. LIBANAN

AN ACT
CONVERTING THE SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE MARITIME
INDUSTRY AUTHORITY LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
GUIUAN, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR INTO A REGULAR
EXTENSION OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes the conversion of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) satellite office in Guiuan, Eastern Samar into a regular extension office. This expansion aims to enhance the Maritime Industry Authority's capacity to oversee and regulate maritime activities in the region more effectively, ensuring better service delivery, regulatory compliance, and support for local maritime stakeholders.

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) is the national government agency responsible for the development, promotion, and regulation of the maritime industry in the Philippines. It plays a critical role in ensuring the safety and security of maritime operations, protecting the marine environment, and enhancing the global competitiveness of the Filipino maritime workforce. Currently, MARINA operates a satellite office in Guiuan, Eastern Samar, which provides essential services and regulatory functions to the local maritime community.

The proposed conversion is a strategic move to strengthen MARINA's presence and effectiveness in Eastern Samar, reflecting the agency's commitment to advancing the maritime industry and supporting local maritime interests. By

upgrading the satellite office to an extension office, MARINA will be better positioned to fulfill its mandate, ensuring safer, more secure, and environmentally responsible maritime operations while enhancing the global standing of the Filipino maritime workforce.



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

SECTION 1. The existing Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Satellite Office in the Municipality of Guiuan, Province of Eastern Samar is hereby converted into a regular MARINA Extension Office. The extension office shall provide services for the residents of the Province of Eastern Samar.

SEC 2. The Administrator of MARINA shall immediately include in the Agency's programs and the operationalization of the MARINA Extension Office in the Municipality of Guiuan, Province of Eastern Samar, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC 3. The Secretary of Transportation, thru the Administrator of MARINA, are hereby authorized to reorganize the offices, personnel, funds, and properties of the MARINA within Region VIII towards the effective and efficient delivery of services for the residents within the islands of Samar and Leyte. The Secretary of Transportation and the MARINA shall submit the consolidated reorganization

plan and any amendments thereof to the President of the Philippines for his approval.

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

Approved.