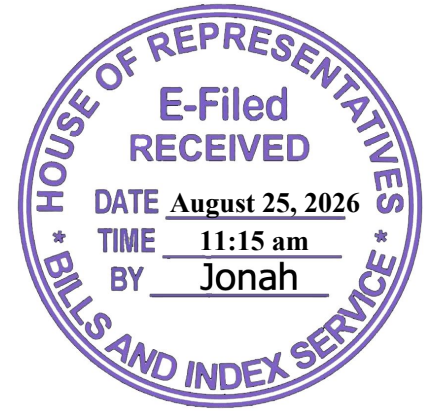


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

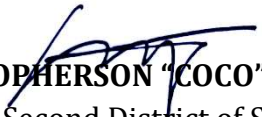
Every Filipino community deserves timely and reliable protection during fires, disasters, accidents, and other emergencies. The Constitution recognizes the State’s duty to provide adequate public services and improve the quality of life of its people, while Republic Act No. 6975 requires at least one fire station in every municipality. Yet the Municipality of Anahawan, Southern Leyte, still does not have a dedicated fire station and is currently served by the fire station in neighboring San Juan.

Anahawan is home to thousands of residents across its fourteen barangays, including families, schools, businesses, government offices, and other establishments that require dependable emergency services. When every second can mean the difference between saving a life and losing one, distance matters. The absence of a local fire station may result in longer response times, especially during fires, natural disasters, vehicular accidents, and other emergencies requiring immediate rescue and assistance.

This bill seeks to establish a dedicated Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) fire station in Anahawan. Bringing firefighters, rescue personnel, equipment, and emergency services closer to the people will allow faster response, strengthen fire prevention and preparedness, and provide greater security to families and businesses. The Municipality of Anahawan shall provide the necessary land or site, while the BFP shall operate the station in accordance with applicable standards and regulations.

The establishment of a fire station in Anahawan is more than the construction of a government facility, it is an investment in lives, property, and community safety. It will give families greater peace of mind and ensure that help is closer when they need it most. By bringing essential emergency services closer to the people of Anahawan, this measure advances the State's duty to protect every community and provide genuine, responsive public service

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


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

SECTION 1. Establishment. — There shall be established a fire station in the Municipality of Anahawan, Province of Southern Leyte. The fire station shall be under the administrative and operational supervision of the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), an agency under the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and shall be organized, staffed, equipped, and operated in accordance with Republic Act No. 6975, Republic Act No. 11589, Republic Act No. 9514, and other applicable laws, rules, regulations, and standards.

The fire station shall provide fire prevention and suppression services, rescue and evacuation assistance, emergency response, and other related services within the Municipality of Anahawan and, when necessary, in neighboring localities pursuant to applicable BFP policies and operational arrangements.

SECTION 2. Site of the Fire Station. — The Municipality of Anahawan shall identify and provide, without cost to the National Government, a suitable parcel of land for the establishment and operation of the fire station.

The site shall comply with the location, accessibility, safety, zoning, technical, and other standards prescribed by the BFP and other competent government agencies.

SECTION 3. Appropriations. — The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the appropriations of the BFP under the annual General Appropriations Act.

The appropriations shall cover, as may be necessary, the construction, acquisition, or improvement of the fire station; the procurement of fire trucks, firefighting and rescue equipment, communications equipment, and other facilities; and the recruitment, assignment, training, maintenance, and operation of the personnel and services of the station.

Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued maintenance and operation of the fire station shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act, subject to the usual budgetary, accounting, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DILG, through the BFP, shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for its effective implementation.

The implementing rules and regulations shall include the standards and procedures for the selection and approval of the site, the establishment and construction of the station, the allocation and deployment of personnel, the procurement and maintenance of equipment, and the coordination of the fire station with the Municipality of Anahawan and neighboring local government units.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. — If any part, section or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. — All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, regulations, issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,