



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8463

BY REPRESENTATIVES GARCIA (A.), NISAY, PUMAREN, SUANSING (M.A.) AND ATAYDE

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY REGIONAL OFFICE IN
BALANGA CITY, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. There shall be established under the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA)
2 a regional office in the City of Balanga, Province of Bataan.

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4 SEC. 2. The regional office in the City of Balanga shall provide frontline services
5 of the MARINA, including the processing and issuance of certificate of competency,
6 endorsement, proficiency, and documentary evidence required of seafarers; and
7 the processing and issuance of certificates of ship safety, public convenience,
8 registration, and documentary requirements of ships, in the exercise of its powers and
9 functions under existing laws, orders, rules, and regulations.

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11 SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in
12 the annual General Appropriations Act.

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14 SEC. 4. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the MARINA shall issue
15 the necessary rules and regulations to efficiently carry out the provisions of this Act. In
16 the formulation of such rules and regulations, the MARINA shall ensure that the
17 processes and procedures in providing frontline services shall be the most efficient and
18 convenient for its stakeholders, such as through computerization, automation, and
19 elimination of redundant fees and charges.

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21 SEC. 5. If for any reason any section or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional
22 or invalid, the other sections, or provisions hereof not affected by such declaration shall
23 remain in force and in effect.

1 SEC. 6. All existing laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations or parts thereof
2 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
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4 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
5 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,