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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to designate the Municipality of Pinamalayan in the Province of Oriental Mindoro as the regional center of Region IV-B, otherwise known as MIMAROPA. It is composed of the provinces of Oriental and Occidental Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon and Palawan.

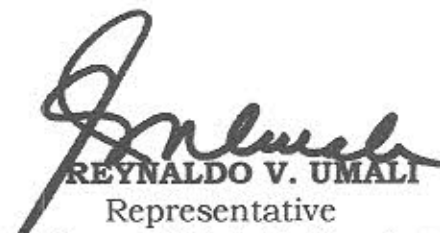
Being at the center of MIMAROPA, the good strategic location of Pinamalayan compliments well the development facilities to service the surrounding municipalities, neighboring provinces and the region as a whole.

It hosts a domestic airport in Barangay Pambisan Munti and two informal ports in Barangays Pili and Recodo which boosts its accessibility to other provinces in the MIMAROPA Region.

The designation of Pinamalayan as the Regional Center of MIMAROPA will likewise facilitate travel to other parts of the region such as San Jose in Occidental, Mindoro, Romblon and Marinduque.

To immediately and effectively address the needs of the provinces in Region IV-B, there is an urgent need to designate Pinamalayan as Regional Government Center for Region IV-B to foster better coordination and promote efficiency in the delivery of the services by the Regional Offices of the area, and allow the development of a new government center in the region.

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

  
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**AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF PINAMALAYAN IN THE PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO AS THE REGIONAL CENTER OF REGION IV-B OR THE MIMAROPA WHICH WAS CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 103, SERIES OF 2002**

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

SECTION 1. **Regional Center of Region IV-B.** – The Municipality of Pinamalayan in the province of Oriental, Mindoro is hereby designated as the Regional Center of Region IV-B which was created under Executive Order No. 103, Series of 2002, and composed of the provinces of Mindoro Oriental and Occidental, Marinduque, Romblon and Palawan (MIMAROPA).

SECTION 2. **Development Plan.** – The Regional Development Councils of Region IV-B shall, in coordination with the Local Government Units, national government agencies and instrumentalities and the private sector in the Region IV-B, formulate an over-all developmental program and strategic plan in order to redefine the Municipality of Pinamalayan as the designated site for the regional center.

SECTION 3. **Relocation of Regional Offices.** – All the regional offices in Region IV-B shall be relocated to the Municipality of Pinamalayan, starting with the establishment of the satellite offices in the area within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act, and their full transfer within eighteen (18) months thereafter. The heads of departments, agencies, bureaus, government owned-and-controlled corporations and government financial institutions shall support the regional officers in adopting and implementing their respective relocation plans, including measures that will address the concerns of the employees affected by the transfer.

SECTION 4. **Funding Source.** – The amount necessary for the development maintenance and administration of the regional center may be drawn from

internally generated funds of the local government units in Region IV-B, the national government, and from other funding sources which may include private and business sectors through schemes allowed under existing laws.

SECTION 5. **Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 6. **Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved.*