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Introduced by HON. ROGELIO J. ESPINA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a Provincial/Branch office of Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) in the municipal town of Naval, Province of Biliran.


PD No. 1146, otherwise known as "The Revised Government Service Insurance Act of 1977. The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) was established mainly for the purpose of meeting the increasing needs of workers in the government sector and their respective families through social security and insurance programs. The growing number of public employees in Biliran sans GSIS office is a plight of public servants in the province.

Biliran Province has eight (8) Island Municipalities and 132 barangays with 172 thousand population and annual growth rate of 1.13%. It is located in the Eastern Visayas, a highly urbanized province which is mostly hit by typhoon, storm surges and other catastrophes. However, the nearest GSIS office from the Island is located at the Regional office in Tacloban City, Leyte. Public employees who need to transact with GSIS often encounter difficulties in two to three-hour travel just for the purpose. The travel expenses and time alone are already unduly onerous for them, what more of the other allied expenses they have to defray.

The necessity for the creation of a GSIS Provincial Office in Naval, Biliran shall serve the greater number of public servants since there is no existing GSIS office to cater for the whole province of Biliran. It will also substantially cut travel time and expenses. Finally, it will unburden the office in Tacloban City which is currently servicing the entire Region.

This form of immediate assistance if properly utilized will be a great extent ameliorates the depressed living conditions of our public servants.

For these reasons, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE
INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) IN NAVAL, BILIRAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the direct supervision of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), a satellite/branch office of the GSIS in the Municipality of Naval, Biliran to be known as the Biliran GSIS Satellite Office.

SEC. 2. The GSIS Board of Directors shall immediately include in the Institution's programs the operationalization of the GSIS Branch Office in Naval, Biliran, the funding of which shall derive from their general funds.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,