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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The creation of Compostela Valley Province from the Province of Davao del Norte by virtue of Republic Act No. 8470 on January 30, 1998, was overwhelmingly ratified by the populace who wanted to independently chart their political destiny. It was unintended, however, that the law did not include the creation of provincial branches of important national offices. The new political subdivision is feeling the pinch of not having her own budgetary allocation and the physical infrastructure for these offices. The need for their establishment and institutionalization will not only help the wheels of governance run smoothly but will also alleviate the geographical perplexity being felt by the residents who have to travel great distances in neighboring provinces to transact official business.

In line with the preceding, this bill proposes the creation of a Department of Trade and Industry Provincial Office in Compostela Valley Province. The establishment of the government agency will certainly spur trade and create more market opportunities for the residents. Undoubtedly, livelihood programs will also be given a big boost especially the small and medium scale enterprises. More capital inflows will happen once investors are made aware of the economic potential of the new province thereby reducing unemployment and increasing the revenues of the local government units. Finally, the DTI Provincial Office will create more job opportunities for the populace as it will serve as a venue to showcase their specialized products and technical skills.

The passage of this bill is urgently requested.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY
PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established the Department of Trade and Industry Provincial Office, hereinafter referred to as DTI Provincial Office, of Compostela Valley Province which shall exercise jurisdiction over all municipalities of the province.

SEC. 2. The DTI Provincial Office shall be located in the Municipality of Nabunturan.

SEC. 3. The Head of the DTI Provincial Office shall be appointed by the Secretary of Trade and Industry. The Head of the DTI Provincial Office shall be assisted by a staff to be appointed by the Secretary of Trade and Industry in accordance with existing laws.

SEC. 4. All records pertaining to the jurisdiction of the DTI Provincial Office of Compostela Valley Province shall be transferred thereto.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Trade and Industry shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. The amount necessary to carry out the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Trade and Industry under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amounts as maybe necessary for the operation and maintenance of the DTI Provincial Office of Compostela Valley Province shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,