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Introduced by Hon. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano

AN ACT
CREATING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS IN VIGAN CITY, ILOCOS SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The population of the province of Ilocos Sur has increased in the past years as well as the need for direct government service delivery. One necessary service that the people in the 1st legislative district of Ilocos Sur desires is an office to transact travel requirements, especially for tourists, migrant workers and emigrants, aside from foreign affairs matters. At present, the residents of the province still have to suffer through hours of travel in order to apply for or renew their passports in Manila.

To alleviate the dilemma, this proposed new extension office of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) will be established in Vigan City. The extension office shall operate as a sub-regional hub and allow the population of Ilocos and the other nearby provinces to access the services of DFA without much difficulty.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of bill is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. An extension office of the Department of Foreign Affairs shall be created in Vigan City, Ilocos Sur. The extension office shall serve as the sub-regional hub for Ilocos Sur and other nearby provinces for their residents.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the regular extension in Vigan City, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the satellite office located in Vigan City, Province of Ilocos Sur. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the regular and continued operation of the DFA Extension Office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,