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

AN ACT

**CREATING A SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
IN VIGAN CITY, ILOCOS SUR INTO AN EXTENSION OFFICE AND
APROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) supervises and regulates the use of sea vessels, both small scale fishing boats and large crafts for transport. The agency likewise provides financial assistance to the industry and technological assistance to fishermen. Maritime transportation and subsistence fishing communities which provide the livelihoods of a significant portion of those living below the poverty line are prime concerns of Ilocos Sur.

It is thus imperative that a Marina satellite office in Vigan City can act as a regional hub and address the needs of the residents of Ilocos Sur especially for those living along the coast.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this 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 Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) shall be created in Vigan City, Ilocos Sur. The extension office shall serve as the regional hub for Ilocos Sur and other nearby provinces for their residents.

SECTION 2. The Administrator of MARINA shall immediately include in the Agency'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 MARINA. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the regular and continued operation of the MARINA 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,