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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 982

Submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations on **May 24, 2021**

Re: House Bill No. **9404**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3137

Sponsors: Representatives Vicente "Ching" S. E. Veloso III, Eric Go Yap, and Jocelyn C. Limkaichong

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Justice and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 3137, introduced by Representative Jocelyn C. Limkaichong, entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE CITY OF CANLAON IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980" AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **9404** entitled:

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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3137, with Representatives Jocelyn C. Limkaichong, Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, Eric Go Yap, Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas, Jose L. Atienza, Jr., Evelina G. Escudero, Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Rodante D. Marcoleta, Strike B. Revilla, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, Kristine Singson-Meehan, Tyrone D. Agabas, Christopher V. P. De Venecia, Stella Luz A. Quimbo, Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Elenita Milagros "Eileen" Ermita-Buhain, Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, Luis N. Campos, Jr., Junie E. Cua, Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Paul Ruiz Daza, Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas I, Vincent Franco "Duke" D. Frasco, Greg G. Gasataya, Ed Christopher S. Go, Ruwel Peter Gonzaga, Sandro L. Gonzalez, Teodorico Haresco, Jr., Romeo M. Jalosjos, Jr., Romeo S. Momo. Sr., Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon, Manuel T. Sagarbarria, David "Jay-Jay" C. Suarez, Jose Antonio "Kuya" Sy-Alvarado, Alfred D. Vargas, Micaela S. Violago, Manuel F. Zubiri, Antonio "Tonypet" T. Albano, Angelo Marcos Barba, Alfel M. Bascug, Jose Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez, Ph.D., Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr.

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Respectfully submitted,



ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations



VICENTE "CHING" S. E. VELOSO III
Chairperson
Committee on Justice

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

1 **SECTION 1.** One (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Seventh
2 Judicial Region is hereby created and stationed in the city of Canlaon, province of Negros
3 Oriental.
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5 The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly created branch of
6 the Regional Trial Court.
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8 **SEC. 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary
9 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the

1 operationalization of the additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the city of
2 Canlaon, province of Negros Oriental. The funds necessary for the operation of the court
3 herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of
4 the court and the appointment of its personnel.
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6 **SEC. 3.** Section 14 (h) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The
7 Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and
8 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or
9 modified accordingly.
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11 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
12 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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14 Approved,

House of Representatives Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

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(Approved by the Committee on December 16, 2020)

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Committee Referral: **Committees on Justice and Appropriations**

Committee Chairpersons: **Rep. VICENTE "CHING" S.E. VELOSO and Rep. ERIC GO YAP**

OBJECTIVE:

- To ensure the speedy disposition of cases and to declodge court dockets.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Creates one (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the City of Canlaon, Province of Negros Oriental.
- Mandates that the funds for the operation of the additional RTC shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.

RELATED LAWS:

- **Batas Pambansa Blg. 129**, as amended, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980"