HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6325

By Representatives Malapitan, Veloso, Ungab, Garbin, Cua, Jalosjos, Cuaresma, Calderon, Suarez (D.), Alvarez (G.), Balindong, Benitez, Bordado, Caminero, Dy (I.P.), Go (M.), Labadlabad, Ortega, Panotes, Romulo, Tallado, Tan (A.) and Tutor, per Committee Report No. 235

AN ACT CREATING EIGHT (8) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF CALOOCAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(D) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED

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

SECTION 1. Eight (8) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the National Capital Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of Caloocan, with four (4) branches in Northern Caloocan and four (4) branches in Southern Caloocan.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court.

SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization of the eight (8) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the City of Caloocan. The funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the courts and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 3. Section 14(d) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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