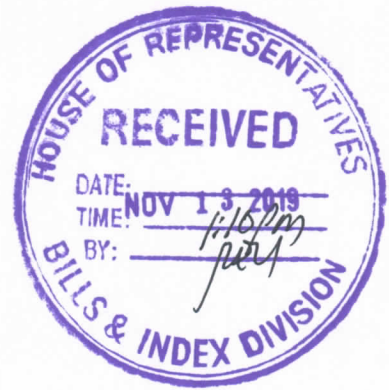


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THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

There is a need to create a Government Center in Ilocos Sur where relevant government offices can all be located for the convenience of both the government agencies and the people. This Government Center shall be a complex where inter-agency concerns related to their functions can be harmonized. The people will need speedy solutions for their documentary requirements for work, school or personal uses.

There are other nearby provinces situated in the north, east and south that will surely benefit with the clustering of government offices in one venue. And of course, many in Ilocos Sur will benefit from the creation of a Government Center where jobs will be made available for those well versed in clerical operations and information technology.

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. Policy Objective. It shall be the policy of the state to protect and promote the welfare of Filipinos by streamlining the delivery of government services and providing access to these basic services, especially to regions that are geographically distant from regional urban centers where most government offices are located and government-issued documents are processed. To this end, the State shall endeavor to empower communities with access to these basic government services and to free the People from the unnecessary burdens streaming from bureaucratic layers.

SECTION 2. Establishment of a Government Center in Ilocos Sur. There shall be established a Government Center in the Province of Ilocos Sur that shall house satellite offices of various national government agencies involved in the processing and issuance of common documentary requirements for whatever legitimate purpose or activity, as needed by the people.

SECTION 3. Satellite Offices Housed in the Government Center. The satellite offices of government agencies housed in the Government Center shall include, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Commission on Higher Education (CHED)* for verification and authentication of school credentials, and for the processing and issuance of other documentary permits and requirements, including the issuance of other necessary authentication/certification, if there any be needed;

- b. *Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)* for all passport services and other consular concerns, including the issuance of other necessary authentication/certification, if there any be needed;
- c. *Government Service Insurance System (GSIS)* for the processing and issuance of other documentary permits and requirements, including the issuance of other necessary authentication/certification, if there any be needed;
- d. *Land Transportation Office (LTO)* for the processing of documentations related to the registration of vehicles and to the issuance of driver's licenses, including the issuance of other necessary authentication/certification, if there any be needed;
- e. *National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)* for the processing and issuance of an NBI clearance, and other documentary permits and requirements, and the issuance of other necessary authentication/certification, if there any be needed;
- f. *Overseas Worker Welfare Administration (OWWA)* for the processing of OWWA membership/Renewal of Membership, and other documentary permits and requirements, and the issuance of other necessary authentication/ certification, if there any be needed;
- g. *Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth)* for the processing and issuance of other documentary permits and requirements, including the issuance of other necessary authentication/certification, if there any be needed;
- h. *Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA)* for the documentation/registration of workers, verification/certification of OFW records, processing and issuance of other documentary permits and requirements, including the issuance of other necessary authentication/certification, if there any be needed;
- i. *Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)* for processing and issuance of other documentary permits and requirements, including the issuance of other necessary authentication/certification, if there any be needed;
- j. *Social Security System (SSS)* for the processing and issuance of other documentary permits and requirements, including the issuance of other necessary authentication/certification, if there any be needed;

SECTION 4. Manpower Requirements. All government agencies in the Government Center shall be required to assign qualified personnel in these satellite offices. The assigned personnel for each government agency must have no less than six (6) months of experience of work in their respective agencies, and shall oversee the day-to day operations of the satellite offices and the conduct of the necessary coordination with their respective regional and central

offices. The Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur, upon the request of the concerned government agency, shall provide contractual workers to their satellite offices.

SECTION 5. Office Facilities. All government agencies in the Government Center shall be required to provide their satellite offices at least two (2) sets of computer units, with all the required accessories, including scanners and printers. For purposes of uniformity, the Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur shall install/provide the necessary office tables, chairs, and the telephone and Internet facility to the Government Center.

SECTION 6. Accessibility of the Government Center. The Government Center shall be located in a location within the Municipality of San Ildefonso in the Province of Ilocos Sur that is strategically important and is easily accessible by the people.

SECTION 7. Funding. The funds for the establishment, development, and the day-to-day operations of the Government Center Offices shall be provided in the annual budgets of the aforementioned national government agencies in the General Appropriations Act. In addition, the costs of general maintenance of these offices shall be provided by the Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur.

SECTION 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Heads and/or Directors of the agencies mentioned in Section 3 of this Act shall formulate and issue the necessary guidelines for the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. Any law, decree, ordinance or administrative circular not consistent with any provision of this Act is hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,