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HOUSE BILL NO. **4934**

Introduced by Representative Wilton "Tonton" T. Kho

EXPLANATORY NOTE

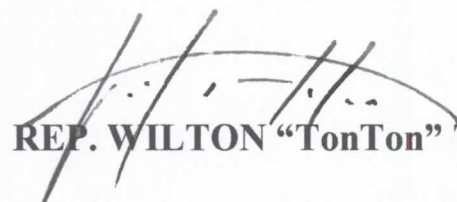
This bill seeks to establish a Satellite Service Center of the Professional Regulation Commission in the Municipality of Cataingan, Province of Masbate.

The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) is a vital government agency tasked with securing for the nation a reliable, trustworthy and progressive system of determining the competence of professionals by credible and valid licensure examinations and standards of professional practice that are globally recognized.

Republic Act No. 8981, otherwise known as the "*PRC Modernization Act of 2000*," institutionalizes centerpiece programs for full computerization, careful selection of Professional Regulatory Board members and monitoring of school performance to upgrade quality of education among professional practitioners.

This proposed measure seeks to establish a satellite service center of the PRC in the Municipality of Cataingan, which is a second class municipality in the Province of Masbate. According to the 2015 census, Cataingan has a population of 50,327 people and is about 77 kilometers southeast of Masbate City. Presently, the nearest PRC Regional Branch Office to the Province of Masbate is PRC Regional Office No. V located at Regional Government Center Site in Rawis, Legazpi City. The distance between Masbate and Legazpi City is about 86 kilometers. It takes approximately three hours and thirty-three minutes to get from Masbate to Legazpi City.

The establishment of a satellite service center of the PRC in Cataingan, Masbate will ease the burden of the professionals in the locality in their application, renewal and accreditation of their licenses. In line with the policy of the State to recognize the important role of professionals in nation-building whose competence are determined by honest and credible licensure examinations, and to give preferential attention to the general welfare, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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1 **AN ACT**
2 **ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE SERVICE CENTER OF THE**
3 **PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION IN THE**
4 **MUNICIPALITY OF CATAINGAN, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AND**
5 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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7 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
8 *Congress assembled:*
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10 SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the Professional Regulation
11 Commission, the Cataingan Satellite Service Center in the Municipality of
12 Cataingan, Province of Masbate.

13 SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be
14 charged to the current appropriations for the Professional Regulation
15 Commission. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its operation and
16 maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

17 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
18 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

19 Approved,