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HOUSE BILL NO. 4735



Introduced by Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to transfer the Lanao del Norte Provincial Agrarian Reform Office from Iligan City to the Municipality of Tubod, Lanao del Norte, the capital town of the Province.

With the enactment of Batas Pambansa Bilang 181 in 1982, the seat of the Provincial Government of Lanao del Norte was transferred to the Municipality of Tubod, Lanao del Norte from Iligan City. Corollary to this, provincial offices in Lanao del Norte of national agencies should likewise relocate to the capital town of Tubod to make their services accessible to their constituency. This is especially true with the passage of RA 9724 mandating the separation of Iligan City from the First Legislative District of Lanao del Norte to constitute a separate legislative district.

While several provincial offices of national government agencies have relocated from Iligan City to the capital town of Tubod, the Provincial Agrarian Reform Office has remained in Iligan City as of the present. This situation is causing serious difficulties and inconvenience on the part of the residents of the Province who have continuing transactions with the PARO in terms of accessibility and transportation expenses. For poor residents, repeated trips to Iligan City to transact with the PARO are causing serious strains on their finances, aside from the fact that said trips are time-consuming.

In view of the foregoing and in consonance with BP 181, the prompt approval of this measure is earnestly sought and recommended.


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AN ACT
TRANSFERRING THE PROVINCIAL AGRARIAN REFORM OFFICE OF LANA DEL
NORTE FROM ILIGAN CITY TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD, LANA DEL
NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Lanao del Norte Provincial Agrarian Reform Office, under the supervision of the Department of Agrarian Reform, is hereby transferred from Iligan City to the Municipality of Tubod, Lanao del Norte.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Agrarian Reform shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Lanao del Norte Provincial Agrarian Reform Office in the Municipality of Tubod, Lanao del Norte, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Lanao del Norte Provincial Agrarian Reform Office. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the said Provincial Agrarian Reform Office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Approved,