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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 351

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Economic Affairs and Local Government on

~~JAN 18 2016~~

Re: House Bill No. 5511

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: Senator Jose Victor G. Ejercito

Mr. President:

The Committees on Economic Affairs and Local Government to which was referred House Bill No. 5511, introduced by Reps. Ramirez-Sato, Rodriguez (L.), Chipeco, Tan (A.), Suarez, Reyes, Madrona, Umali (R.), Aragon, Leachon, Alvarez (F.), Abueg, Hagedorn and Rivera, entitled:

**"AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHWESTERN TAGALOG REGION
TO BE KNOWN AS THE MIMAROPA REGION"**

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, HBN 5511, be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, line 3, after the word "promote", delete the following: [simplicity, economy, and];
2. On the same page, on line 5, place a period after the word "development".
3. On the same page and on the same line 5, remove the words [and to] and insert a new sentence to start "FURTHER, IT WILL ALSO" before the word "enhance".
4. On the same page, from lines 7 to 12, delete the whole paragraph. On line 13, add the phrase [PURSUANT TO THIS POLICY] after the words "the State" while changing the capital [T] to small letter "t".

Section 2 shall now read as follows:

"It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote efficiency in the government to enable it to pursue programs consistent with national goals for accelerated social and economic development. Further, it will also enhance intergovernmental relations for efficient and effective delivery of services.

Pursuant to this policy, the State shall promote administrative decentralization to strengthen the autonomy of the local government units and accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the region."

5. On page 2, delete the following, from lines 7 to 12, [to implement the provisions of this Act] and insert the following: **"FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL CENTER"**.
6. Also on page 2, line 13, insert the following sentence at the start of Sec. 4.: **"THE SAME PRIVILEGES UNDER THE RULES AND REGULATIONS COVERING THE REGIONS SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE."**

Section 4 shall now read as follows:

"The same privileges under the rules and regulations covering the regions shall remain in force.


Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the National Economic and Development Authority, in coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government, shall formulate and promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the establishment of the regional center. The implementing rules and regulations issued pursuant to this section shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in at least (2) national newspapers of general circulation."

7. The succeeding provisions shall be renumbered accordingly.


Respectfully
Submitted:



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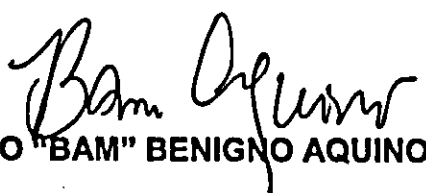
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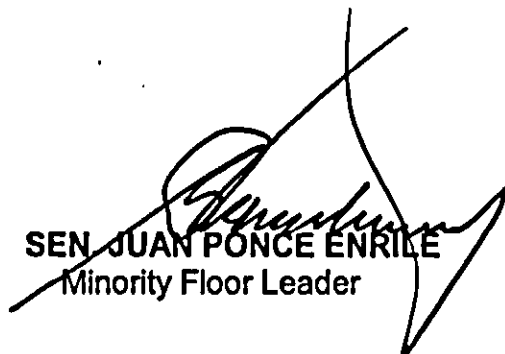
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5511

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ALVAREZ (F.), ABUEG, HAGEDORN AND RIVERA, PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 582

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHWESTERN TAGALOG REGION
TO BE KNOWN AS THE MIMAROPA REGION**

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

- 1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "MIMAROPA Act".
- 2 SEC. 2. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote
- 3 simplicity, economy, and efficiency in the government to enable it to pursue
- 4 programs consistent with national goals for accelerated social and economic
- 5 development and to enhance intergovernmental relations for efficient and
- 6 effective delivery of services.
- 7 It is also the policy of the State, after due consultation with the
- 8 appropriate local government units, government agencies, and the private
- 9 sector, to formulate socioeconomic development programs in accordance with
- 10 its mandate to promote a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income
- 11 and wealth, and ensure a sustainable increase in the amount of goods and
- 12 services provided for the benefit of the people.
- 13 The State shall promote administrative decentralization to strengthen the
- 14 autonomy of the local government units and accelerate the economic and social
- 15 growth and development of the region.

1 SEC. 3. The Southwestern Tagalog Region is hereby established to be
2 known as the MIMAROPA Region which shall be composed of the following
3 provinces and cities:

4 (a) Provinces:

- 5 1. Mindoro Oriental;
- 6 2. Mindoro Occidental;
- 7 3. Marinduque;
- 8 4. Romblon; and
- 9 5. Palawan.

10 (b) Cities:

- 11 1. Calapan City; and
- 12 2. Puerto Princesa City.

13 SEC. 4. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the
14 National Economic and Development Authority, in coordination with the
15 Department of the Interior and Local Government, shall formulate and
16 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of
17 this Act. The implementing rules and regulations issued pursuant to this section
18 shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in at least two (2) national
19 newspapers of general circulation.

20 SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, orders and rules and regulations which are
21 inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified
22 accordingly.

23 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
24 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,