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Metro Manila  
Sixteenth Congress  
Third Regular Session

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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of July, two thousand fifteen.

[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. **10879** ]

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:*

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "MIMAROPA Act".

SEC. 2. 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.

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

(a) Provinces:

1. Mindoro Oriental;
2. Mindoro Occidental;
3. Marinduque;
4. Romblon; and
5. Palawan.

(b) Cities:

1. Calapan City; and
2. Puerto Princesa City.

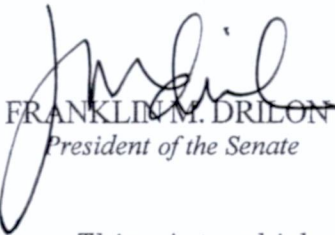
SEC. 4. The same privileges under the rules and regulations covering the regions shall remain in force.

SEC. 5. 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 two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

SEC. 6. All laws, decrees, orders and rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

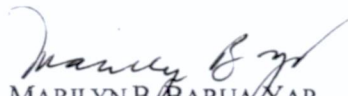
Approved,

  
FRANKLIN M. DRILON  
*President of the Senate*

  
FELICIANO BELMONTE JR.  
*Speaker of the House  
of Representatives*

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives on May 19, 2015, amended by the Senate on May 23, 2016, and which amendments were concurred in by the House of Representatives on May 23, 2016.

  
OSCAR G. YABES  
*Secretary of the Senate*

  
MARILYN B. BARUA YAP  
*Secretary General  
House of Representatives*

Approved:

BENIGNO S. AQUINO III  
*President of the Philippines*

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Lapsed into law on JUL 17 2016  
Without the signature of the President,  
In accordance with Article VI, Section