

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

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**SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS**

House Bill No. 4633



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Introduced by Rep. Maria Carmen S. Zamora and Rep. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to rename the Province of Compostela Valley into Davao de Oro.

Republic Act No. 8470 divided the Province of Davao del Norte and gave corporate and legal existence to the Province of Compostela Valley. The populace overwhelmingly ratified the law creating the new political subdivision and immediately organized the instrumentalities of government vital to their everyday lives. In the process, several problems were encountered, but nevertheless efficiently threshed out. The wheels of governance then started to grind, delivering the much needed services for the people. As it stands, the province stores much promise, its fulfillment unfolding over the years.

However, one issue that has been the subject of intense debate and attention is the renaming of the province. This comes as no surprise, considering the close affinity of the people to the place fondly and collectively known as "Davao." Many of our constituents still consider themselves "Davaweños." Their sentimental sense of belonging is incontrovertible. Furthermore, recent consultative meetings with the provincial and municipal leaders, as well as the populace, brought forth the need to retain the word "Davao" in the province's name along with a unique descriptive word that gives it character. Undeniably, Compostela Valley is a place teeming with gold deposits, hence, the term "de Oro."

The sentiment to rename the province "Davao de Oro" has grown to a proportion that is difficult to ignore. The need to address the issue has become imperative. Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**RENAMING THE PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY INTO DAVAO DE**  
**ORO PROVINCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PORTIONS**  
**OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8470**

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

SECTION 1. The Province of Compostela Valley is hereby renamed to be known as Davao de Oro Province.

SEC. 2. The pertinent portions of Republic Act No. 8470 are modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,