


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Constitution, provides: *"The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs."*

The Boy Scouts of the Philippines, created and established as a public corporation under Commonwealth Act No. 111, as amended, is an entity that is envisioned to handle such a crucial role in molding and upbringing our children and the youth.


Hence, in consonance with the above-cited provision of the Constitution, it is but appropriate that scouting, which instills character, citizenship, personal fitness, and leadership in boys through a structured program of activities, be enhanced by instituting its very own charter. It is submitted that with the said charter the Boy Scouts of the Philippines will be made more concretized and operational to better achieve its primordial purpose of developing the youth with its pivotal role in nation building.

Consequently, the undersigned seeks the passage of this legislation.


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**AN ACT INSTITUTING THE BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES CHARTER,
DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWER AND FUNCTIONS, REPEALING FOR THE
PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 111, AS AMENDED**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative of the Philippines in congress
assembled:*

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Act shall be known and cited as the "Boy Scouts
2 of the Philippines Charter 2012".

3 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** - Recognizing the vital role of young people
4 (children and youth) under the ages 4 to 25 in nation building, it is therefore the policy
5 of the State to ensure and protect their physical, moral, intellectual, emotional, social
6 and spiritual growth by promoting Scouting as an integral component of the basic
7 education system.

8 **SECTION 3. Objectives.** - The objectives of this Act are:

9 (a) To promote through organizations and cooperation with other agencies, the
10 ability of the young people and/or the Filipino youth to do the useful things
11 for themselves and others;

1 (b) To train the young people and/or the Filipino youth in the attitudes, skills,
2 and the habits of responsible citizenship;

3 (c) To inculcate in the young people and/or the Filipino youth patriotism, civic
4 consciousness and responsibility, environmental protection awareness and
5 activities, courage, self reliance, selflessness, discipline and kindred virtues,
6 as well as moral and spiritual values, using the method which are in common
7 use by Scouts.

8 **SECTION 4.** *Boy Scouts of the Philippines.* - The Boy Scouts of the Philippines
9 (BSP) hereinafter referred to shall have its principal office in Metropolitan Manila. They
10 may establish such other offices, agencies or branches anywhere in the Philippines as its
11 operations would require and its National Executive Board will determine.

12 **SECTION 5.** *Corporate Powers.* - As a juridical entity, the BSP shall have
13 perpetual succession and shall enjoy the following corporate powers:

14 (a) To sue and be sued;

15 (b) To acquire, hold and convey such real and personal properties, rights and
16 choses in action as shall be deemed necessary and desirable for its purposes
17 as hereinafter set forth;

18 (c) To receive funds, real and personal properties by gift, devise and donation,
19 contribution or other means;

20 (d) To adapt a seal and to alter and destroy the same at pleasure;

21 (e) To have offices and conduct its business and affairs in the Metropolitan
22 Manila area and in the province, cities, municipalities and barangays in the
23 Philippines; and,

24 (f) Generally, to exercise all the powers of a corporation and do all such acts and
25 things as may be necessary to carry into effect of the provision of this Act and
26 promote the purpose of said organization.

1 **SECTION 6. *Vision and Mission.*** – Vision and Mission of the Boy Scouts of the
2 Philippines

3 Vision

4 We are the leading provider of progressive outdoor-based non-formal education
5 committed to develop morally straight, disciplined, concerned, self-reliant citizens in
6 the best tradition of world Scouting.

7 Mission

8 To inculcate in our Scouts, love of God, country and fellowmen. To prepare the
9 youth for responsible leadership. To contribute to nation building according to the
10 ideals, principles, and program of Scouting.

11 **SECTION 7. *Nature and Purpose.*** – The BSP is an independent and voluntary,
12 non-stock, non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political entity which shall willingly cooperate
13 with other persons, natural and judicial, public and private, whose ideals and
14 procedures are in accord with those conferred or authorized by this Act.

15 **SECTION 8. *Chief Scout.*** – The President of the Republic of the Philippines shall
16 be the Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

17 **SECTION 9. *Vice Chief Scout.*** - The Vice-President of the Republic of the
18 Philippines shall be the Vice Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

19 **SECTION 10. *Authority and Powers of the Chief Scout and Vice Chief Scout.*** – The
20 Chief Scout and Vice Chief Scout are honorary members of the Boy Scouts of the
21 Philippines but are not deemed to be members of the National Executive Board unless
22 they are duly elected as members thereof in accordance with the provisions of this Act
23 and of the Corporation's by-laws.

1 **SECTION 11. *National Executive Board.*** - The governing body of the said
2 corporation shall consist of a National Executive Board, the members of which shall be
3 Filipino citizens of good moral character. The Board shall be composed of the following:

- 4 (a) The Secretary of the Department of Education;
- 5 (b) Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government;
- 6 (c) The National President of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines;
- 7 (d) Regional Chairmen of the geographical regions of the Corporation to be
8 known as Scout Regions who shall be elected by the representatives of all the
9 chartered Provincial, City or conglomerate of cities and municipalities to be
10 known as Local Councils within the region during its meeting called for this
11 purpose;
- 12 (e) One Senior/Rover Scout each from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao areas, to be
13 elected during the conference of Scouts ages 13 to 25 known as the Scout
14 Youth Forum in their respective Philippine geographical areas;
- 15 (f) Twelve (12) regular members to be elected by the members of the National
16 Council in its meeting called for this purpose; and,
- 17 (g) Five (5) additional members from the private sector.

18 Thereafter, the National Executive Board as herein fully constituted shall elect
19 from among themselves the following officers of the corporation:

- 20 (a) President;
- 21 (b) Senior Vice-President;
- 22 (c) One (1) Vice-President each from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao areas;
- 23 (d) Treasure; and,
- 24 (e) Such other officers as the Board may deem necessary.

1 The numerical composition of the National Executive Board shall also be
2 provided for in the Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

3 The qualification, term of office and manner of electing the abovementioned
4 members of the National Executive Board shall be prescribed within the By-laws of the
5 corporation.

6 The term of office of the members of the Board shall be three (3) years. However
7 all incumbent elective officers of the BSP whose terms have not yet expired at the
8 effectively of this Act shall be allowed to serve the unexpired portion of their term as
9 herein provided for and the President of the Corporation shall be eligible for reelection.

10 Vacancies in the National Executive Board shall be filled by a majority vote of the
11 remaining members and a member thus elected shall serve only for the unexpired term.

12 The bylaws may prescribe the number of the National Executive Board necessary
13 to constitute a quorum of the board.

14 **SECTION 12. Powers and Functions of the National Executive Board.** – The National
15 Executive Board shall exercise the following powers and functions:

16 (a) To make and to amend the bylaws subject to the ratification by a majority
17 vote of the members present at a meeting of the National Council or at a
18 special meeting called for this purpose;

19 (b) To authorize and cause to be executed mortgages and liens upon the property
20 of the Corporation by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the whole Board at meeting
21 called for this purpose;

22 (c) To designate five (5) or more of their number to constitute an executive or
23 governing committee, of which a majority shall constitute a quorum, through
24 a resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board. Such Committee, to the

1 extent provided in said resolution or in the bylaws of the corporation, shall
2 have and exercise the powers of the National Executive Board in the
3 management of the business affairs of the Corporation, and may have the
4 power to authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers
5 which may require it;

6 (d) To create standing and special committees and appoint the chairmen and
7 members thereof from among themselves by affirmative vote of a majority of
8 the whole Board. Such standing committees shall exercise such powers as
9 may be authorized by the bylaws;

10 (e) To dispose in any manner a part or the whole property of the Corporation
11 with the consent in writing and pursuant to an affirmative vote of two-thirds
12 (2/3) of the members of the National Council; and,

13 (f) To hold regular meetings at a time and place to be designated in the bylaws.
14 Special meetings of the Board may be called by the National President or
15 upon such notice as may be prescribed in the bylaws.

16 **SECTION 13. National Council.** – The National Council is the highest corporate
17 policy making body of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines that shall manage the affairs
18 and business of the corporation. The National Council shall be composed of the
19 following members:

20 (a) The members of the National Executive Board;

21 (b) The Regional Scout Commissioner; a person duly appointed and
22 commissioned by the National Executive Board;

23 (c) The Chairmen and Commissioners of all Local Councils; and,

1 (d) Other duly accredited delegates of all local Scout councils as may be provided
2 in the bylaws.

3 "The qualifications, terms of office, and the manner of electing the
4 abovementioned members of the National Council shall be prescribed in the bylaws of
5 the corporation.

6 "The numerical composition of the National Council shall provided for in the
7 bylaws of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines. Provided, that all regions and all local
8 councils shall be duly represented therein by at least two (2) duly accredited delegates
9 in addition to those who are members of the National Executive Board as provider for
10 under Section 11 of this Act.

11 The National Council shall convene once every three (3) years in a convention
12 assembled for the purpose. "Special meetings of the National Council may be called
13 upon such notice as may be prescribed in the bylaws. One-third (1/3) of the members of
14 the National Council shall constitute a quorum to do business during meetings.

15 "The National Council and the National Executive Board shall have the power to
16 hold their meetings and keep the seal, books, documents, and papers of the corporation
17 within or out of Metropolitan Manila.

18 "The National President of the corporation shall preside over the meetings of the
19 National Council.

20 Each local scout council represented in the annual or special meeting of the
21 National Council shall be entitled to four (4) votes plus one (1) vote for every ten
22 thousand (10,000) of their scout membership. The members of the National Executive
23 Board and the life members shall each be entitled to one (1) vote.

1 **SECTION 14. *Powers and Duties of the National Council.*** - The National Council

2 shall exercise the following powers and functions:

3 (a) To hold a Triennial Council Meeting at a time and place to be designated in
4 the bylaws. The purpose of such meetings is to discuss the National concerns
5 and issues of each Local Scout Council for the proper governance of the Boy
6 Scouts of the Philippines;

7 (b) To require the majority vote of the National Council before the cause of any
8 lien, encumbrance or disposition of any real property;

9 (c) To propose the creation of any committee either governing or special to
10 govern or do any legal task that the Regional or Local Councils may require;
11 and,

12 (d) All other powers necessary for the effective managements of the affairs of the
13 Regional and Local Councils as long as they are not inconsistent with the
14 decisions and powers of the National Executive Board and the powers and
15 duties provided for in the by-laws.

16 **SECTION 15. *Exclusivity Clause.*** - The corporation created by this Act shall
17 adopt and shall have the sole and exclusive rights to use distinctive titles, emblems,
18 descriptive or designing marks, words and phrases, badges, uniforms and insignia for
19 the Boy Scouts of the Philippines in carrying out its program in accordance with the
20 purposes of this Act, and which shall be published in the Official Gazette or in any
21 newspaper of the general circulation in the Philippines.

22 (a) The BSP shall adopt distinctive emblems, badges, insignias, uniforms and
23 other equipment which shall be made available to and used only by
24 registered Scouts or officials who have satisfactorily complied with the
25 international requirements and which BSP shall use in carrying out its

1 programs consistent with the purpose of this Act. The BSP shall cause the
2 registration of said emblems, badges, insignias, uniforms and other
3 equipment in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 8293,
4 otherwise known as the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines, as
5 amended. The Intellectual Property Office (IPO) is hereby directed to cause
6 said registration free of charge.

7 (b) The Securities and Exchange Commission, the IPO and the Department of
8 Trade and Industry shall refuse the registration of associations, the
9 registration of trade names and the filing of trademarks, commercial marks
10 and industrial models and designs making use of emblems, badges, insignias,
11 uniforms and other equipment of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines or their
12 translation in any official language and dialect in violation of this Act.

13 **SECTION 16. *Fiscal Incentives.*** - Any donations or contribution which from
14 time to time may be made to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines by the Government or
15 any of its subdivisions, branches, offices, agencies or instrumentalities or by a foreign
16 government or by private entities and individuals shall be expended by the National
17 Executive Board in pursuance of this Act. The Corporation shall be entitled to the
18 following tax and duty privileges:

19 (a) Exemption from income tax pursuant to Section 30 (e), (g) and (h) of the
20 National Internal Revenue code of 1997, as Amended;

21 (b) Tax and/or duty exemption of donations from foreign countries as
22 provided under relevant laws such as but not limited to Section 105 of the
23 Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, and Section 109
24 (q) of the National Internal Revenue code of 1997, as Amended;

1 (c) Exemption from all direct and indirect taxes, including value-added tax
2 (VAT) fees and other charges of all kinds on all income derived from its
3 operations, including the use, lease or sale of its real properties and the
4 provisions of services;

5 (d) Exemption from the direct and indirect taxes, including VAT, duties, fees
6 and other charges on importations and purchases for its exclusive use;
7 and,

8 (e) Tax and/or duty exemption of donations from foreign countries as
9 provided under relevant laws such as, but not limited to, Section 105 of
10 the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, and Section
11 109(K) of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as Amended.

12 (f) Exemption from payment of real property taxes on all real properties
13 owned by it.

14 (g) The BSP shall likewise be exempt from payment from all other taxes,
15 duties, imposts, and charges.

16 Likewise, all donations, legacies and gifts of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines
17 to support its purposes and objectives as embodied in this Act shall, subject to
18 limitations and conditions under the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as
19 amended, be exempt from the donor's tax and shall be deductible from the gross
20 income of the donor for income tax purposes. Such donations, legacies and gifts shall be
21 expended by the National Executive Board in pursuance of this Act.

22 **SECTION 17. Penal Clause.** - From and after the passage of this Act, it shall
23 be unlawful for any person within the jurisdiction of the Philippines to falsely and
24 fraudulently wear the Boy Scouts of the Philippines uniform, call himself as, or
25 represent himself to be a member of, or an agent for, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

1 It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell or distribute or cause to be
2 manufactured, sold or distributed fraudulently or without the official knowledge and
3 written approval of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines
4 badges, uniforms, insignia, or Scouting paraphernalia or the photos or visuals of a Scout
5 or Scouts in uniform, or the logo, seal or corporate name of the Boy Scouts of the
6 Philippines, in any print ad, radio or television commercial, billboard, collateral
7 material or any form of advertisement, including the internet; or to use the name of the
8 Boy Scouts of the Philippines in any illegal purpose or personal gain. Any violation of
9 the provisions of this section shall be punished by prison correctional in its maximum
10 period to prison mayor in its minimum period and fine of not less than Two Hundred
11 Thousand Pesos (Php200,000) nor more than Five Hundred Thousand Pesos
12 (Php500,000). Provided, that in case of corporations, partnerships, associations, societies
13 or companies, the manager, administrator or the person in charge or the management
14 or administration of the business shall be criminally responsible for any such violation.

15 This shall be without prejudice to the applicable penalties for violations of the
16 intellectual property rights of the BSP under the Intellectual Code of the Philippines, as
17 amended.

18 **SECTION 18. *Transitory Change.*** – Until such time as the organization and
19 restructuring of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines in accordance with this Act is affected,
20 the incumbent officers and members of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts
21 of the Philippines shall conduct the affairs of Boy Scouts of the Philippines and take the
22 necessary steps to effect with this Act is affected, the incumbent officers and members
23 of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines shall conduct the
24 affairs of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and take the necessary steps to effect such
25 reorganization until a new National Executive Board and a new set of national officers
26 shall have been elected within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act.

1 **SECTION 19. *Repealing/Amending Clause.*** - Commonwealth Act No. 111,
2 Presidential Decree No. 460, Republic Act No. 7278, and Executive order 509 (series of
3 1992) are hereby amended. All other laws, orders and proclamations, rules and
4 regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act or
5 its purposes are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

6 **SECTION 20. *Separability Clause.*** - If for any reason, any provision of this Act
7 or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remaining
8 provision not affected thereby shall be in full force and effect.

9 **SECTION 21. *Effectivity Clause.*** This Act shall effect fifteen (15) days after its
10 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least (2) newspapers of general circulation.

11 *Approved,*