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s. No. 635

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR A **TWENTY** (20) YEAR BARANGAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, **APPROPRIATING THEREFOR FUNDS** AND **FOR PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The barangay is the basic political unit of our nation. It serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community. It is the most direct avenue for the delivery of services to the citizenry.

There are more than 40,000 barangays in our country. With this proposed measure, the Government shall appropriate a seed fund of twenty billion pesos (Php 20,000,000,000,000) to accelerate the development of all our barangays as the primary political-economic unit of our nation within a twenty-year period. A continuing development program for all barangays shall be undertaken in accordance with a national master plan for the development of all barangays.

The program shall address the different needs in every barangay from physical infrastructure to economic infrastructure which shall ultimately make the barangay an economic unit and thus become the primary engine of growth for national development.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the "Barangay Development Act of 2016."

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SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – The state recognizes the barangay as the basic local government unit with a primary role in the delivery of services to the citizens. Towards this end, the State shall provide the necessary funding to accelerate the development of all barangays within a given period and thus achieve its primary mandate.

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SEC. 3. Barangay Development Program. – The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) in coordination with the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) shall formulate, after due consultation with the Pambansang Liga ng mga Barangay, a twenty-year development program for all the barangays. Said program shall include among others:

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- 1. A priority listing as to which barangays shall be programmed within a given time frame;
- 2. Common program for all barangays;
- 3. A specific program for the different barangays;
- 4. Use/Allocation of the seed fund;
- 5. Oversight/Audit/Accountability function of the DILG and the barangays;
- 21 6. Corrective/Remedial measures for the program; and

1	7. Other components of the program as may be determined by the DILG and NEDA.
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3	SEC. 4. The Barangay Development Fund - A seed fund of Twenty Billion Pesos
4	(Php 20,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the accelerated development of all
5	barangays in accordance with the national master plan for the said barangays. Said fund shall
6	be sourced from savings in the annual budget or from any available funds as certified by the
7	national treasure. Twenty Percent (20%) of all Expanded Value Added Tax (E-VAT)
8	collections shall also be set aside to augment/complete said seed fund.
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10	SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations The Department of Interior and
11	Local Government (DILG) in coordination with the National Economic Development
12	Authority (NEDA) shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective
13	implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days from approval hereof.
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15	SEC. 6. Separability Clause If any part, section or provision of this Act is held
16	invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and
17	effect.
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19	SEC. 7. Repealing Clause All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or other
20	issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or
21	modified accordingly.
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23	SEC. 8. Effectivity Clause This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
24	publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,