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CREATING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is a party to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted in September 2015. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, through the seventeen (17) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), is the global compact to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all, where nobody is left behind.

Meanwhile, the Philippines adopted *AmBisyon Natin 2040* through Executive Order No. 5, s. 2016. It embodies the collective long-term vision and aspirations of the Filipino people for themselves and for the country in the next twenty-five (25) years to enjoy a strongly-rooted, comfortable and secure life.

The commitment to the SDGs with the guidance of *AmBisyon Natin 2040* compels the government to align national policy towards sustainable development. Thus, this measure seeks to create a framework on sustainable development, incorporating the SDGs and their associated targets, while taking into account national interest and circumstances. The framework shall ensure that government agencies and local government units are working towards the achievement of the SDGs by 2030, and then building on the improvements made within that period towards the vision of *AmBisyon Natin 2040*.

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

PIA S. CAYETANO

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

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Sustainable
2 Development Framework Act".

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – The State recognizes the need to integrate
4 environmental, economic and social factors in the making of all State decisions, and
5 that sustainable development is an indispensable policy for nation-building that
6 considers the welfare of present and future generations.

7 As party to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the State affirms its
8 commitment to achieving the seventeen (17) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
9 by 2030. The SDGs and its targets shall guide national policy towards a sustainable
10 future for all.

11 The State likewise recognizes the collective long-term vision and aspirations of
12 the Filipino people for themselves and for the country, embodied in *AmBisyon Natin*
13 *2040*, which states:

14 *"In 2040, we will all enjoy a stable and comfortable lifestyle, secure in the*
15 *knowledge that we have enough for our daily needs and unexpected*
16 *expenses, that we can plan and prepare for our own and our children's*
17 *future. Our family lives together in a place of our own, and we have the*

1 *freedom to go where we desire, protected and enabled by a clean, efficient,*
2 *and fair government.”*

3 Given the multi-dimensional issues involved, the State recognizes that the
4 participation of government, the private sector and the communities is essential in
5 order to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and *Ambisyon Natin*
6 *2040*.

7 Sec. 3. *National Policy and Strategy Framework on Sustainable Development.*

8 – Within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Act, the National Economic and
9 Development Authority (NEDA), in consultation with the government agencies, shall
10 establish a sustainable development framework (Sustainable Development
11 Framework) which will provide a national policy and strategy on sustainable
12 development, incorporating the SDGs and their associated targets, but taking into
13 account national interest and circumstances.

14 The Sustainable Development Framework shall be in force until the end of
15 2030, but shall maintain the long-term vision of *Ambisyon Natin 2040*.

16 NEDA shall conduct an annual review of the Sustainable Development
17 Framework’s targets and goals, and its effectivity in guiding the various government
18 agencies towards meeting the SDGs by 2030.

19 Two (2) years before its expiration, NEDA shall review the Sustainable
20 Development Framework and, in coordination with the relevant government agencies,
21 revise the targets, goals, and strategies provided in accordance with current
22 circumstances and taking into account the Sustainable Development Framework’s
23 responsiveness to the needs of the remaining ten (10) years until 2040.

24 Sec. 4. *Role of Government Agencies and Local Government Units.* –

25 Immediately upon the issuance by NEDA of the Sustainable Development Framework,
26 all heads of government agencies, from all branches of government, shall cause the
27 preparation of a sustainable development strategy containing objectives and plans for
28 the agency that complies with and contributes to the Sustainable Development
29 Framework, appropriate to the agency’s mandate.

30 The agencies’ sustainable development strategies shall be submitted to NEDA
31 within one (1) year from the issuance of the Sustainable Development Framework.
32 NEDA shall monitor implementation and include the strategies in its annual review

1 provided in Section 3 of this Act, and may request the agencies to submit reports as
2 needed.

3 The heads of local government units (LGUs) shall incorporate sustainable
4 development into their local development plans, in accordance with the Sustainable
5 Development Framework and appropriate to each LGU's circumstances.

6 *Sec. 5. Performance-Based Contracts.* – Performance-based contracts with
7 national agencies and LGUs shall include provisions for meeting the applicable targets
8 referred to in the national, agency and LGU policies and strategies, as provided in
9 Section 3 and Section 4 of this Act.

10 *Sec. 6. Appointment of Sustainable Development Officer.* – The heads of
11 government agencies and LGUs shall appoint a Sustainable Development Officer
12 (SDO), who shall oversee the preparation, implementation and monitoring of their
13 respective strategies as provided in Section 4 of this Act.

14 The SDO shall report directly to the head of his/her agency or LGU. Data shall
15 be made available to NEDA and other agencies as needed.

16 *Sec. 7. Role of the Private Sector.* – The private sector is encouraged to prepare
17 a sustainable development strategy in accordance with their business interests and
18 consistent with the Sustainable Development Framework and the provisions of this
19 Act.

20 Publicly-listed companies shall include this strategy in their Sustainability
21 Reports, as mandated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

22 *Sec. 8. Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared
23 unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the other provisions shall not be
24 affected thereby.

25 *Sec. 9. Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, decrees, orders, rules and
26 regulations, other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this
27 Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

28 *Sec. 10. Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
29 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,