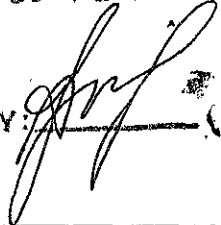


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State recognizes the vital role of youth in nation-building. Towards this end, the State declares as its policy the protection of the youth's physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It further aims to inculcate in them patriotism and nationalism as well as encourage involvement in public and civic affairs.

As the youth comprises the largest portion of population growth, they are considered one of the most important assets of the government, if harnessed to their fullest potential. Thus, the youth's participation state affairs, especially those which relate to their interests, cannot be overemphasized. The challenge then to the Government is how to mobilize effectively this large youth population to help in the social, economic, and cultural development of our country.

An approach to fulfill this State policy is to provide for a venue for youth representation in local government. No one knows the needs of the youth more than the youth themselves. Thus, providing them with an opportunity to participate in formulating policies and programs that would benefit them is of anticipated feat.

Towards this goal, this Act proposes the creation of a Local Youth Development Council in every city and municipality, which shall be responsible for the formulation of policies and implementation of youth development, programs, projects, and activities.

In allowing youth representation, the Government will be fulfilling its constitutional mandate of encouraging participation of youth in all government as well as non-government programs, projects, and activities, thus harnessing their full potential as active partners in nation-building.

Owing to the impact of full youth participation in the effective governance of the State, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT
TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
BY CREATING LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS IN EVERY
CITY AND MUNICIPALITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Local Youth Development
2 Council Act of 2007."

3 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the declared policy of the state to promote
4 and protect the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being of Filipino
5 youth, inculcating in them patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement
6 in public and civic affairs.

7 SEC. 3. *Definition of Terms.* - As used in this Act, the following term shall mean:

8 1. Youth - refers to those persons who age ranges from fifteen (15) to thirty (30)
9 years as provided under Republic Act No. 8044. As defined in the National
10 Youth Commissions' Medium Term Youth Development Plan, the youth shall
11 include, but not limited to, the following sub-sectors: in-school-youth, out-of-
12 school youth, working youth, and youth with special needs.

13 2. Council - refers to the Local Youth Development Council as provided herein.

14 3. Center - refers to a multi-purpose or one-stop-shop facility as any be
15 established by the local youth coordinating council that shall provide
16 development program and service to the youth.

17 4. Commission - refers to the National Youth Commission established by virtue
18 of Republic Act No. 8044.

1 SEC. 4. *Local Youth Development Council* – There shall be created a Local
2 Youth Development Council in every city and municipality which shall be
3 responsible for the formulation of policies and implementation of youth
4 development programs, projects and activities in their respective areas of
5 jurisdiction in coordination with various government and non-government
6 organizations.

7 SEC. 5. *Objectives.* – The Council shall have the following objectives:

8 1. General Objectives:

- 9 a) To develop and harness the full potential of the youth as responsible partners
10 in nation-building;
- 11 b) To encourage intensive and active participation of youth in all government
12 and non-government programs, projects and activities affecting them;
- 13 c) To harmonize all government and non-government initiatives or the
14 development of youth sectors; and
- 15 d) To supplement government appropriations for youth promotion and
16 development with funds from other sources;

17 2. Specific Objectives:

- 18 a) To broaden and strengthen the services provided by the national government
19 agencies, local government units and private agencies to youth people;
- 20 b) To provide information mechanism on youth opportunities on the area of
21 education, employment, livelihood, physical and mental health, capability
22 building and networking;
- 23 c) To increase the spirit of volunteerism among the Filipino youth particularly in
24 the maintenance of peace and order and the preservation, conservation and
25 protection of the environment and natural resources within their locality;
- 26 d) To provide monitoring and coordinating mechanism for youth programs,
27 projects and activities; and
- 28 e) To provide a venue for the active participation of the youth in cultural and
29 eco-tourism awareness program.

- 1 f) To assist various government and non-government agencies in the
2 identification and nomination of qualified youth participants to different
3 programs, projects and activities;
- 4 g) To recommend youth programs and project proposals to appropriate
5 government agencies and non-government organizations;
- 6 h) To accredit training pools for the purpose of assisting line agencies in
7 implementing the training and capability-building programs for the youth;
- 8 i) To create a research team that will formulate a mechanism to come up with
9 local youth situationer;
- 10 j) To conduct fund raising programs and solicitations for the accomplishment of
11 the purpose of this Act;
- 12 k) It shall likewise receive donations, bequests, and or enter into contracts with
13 other government and non-government agencies necessary for the
14 accomplishment of the objective of this Act;
- 15 l) To establish youth centers as deemed necessary;
- 16 m) *To monitor implementation of programs and projects at the local level;*
- 17 n) To nominate its delegate to national youth parliament;
- 18 o) To perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the
19 objectives of this Act.

20 SEC. 8. Youth Development Plan. – The Council shall formulate and adopt a
21 five-year city/municipal youth development plan which may be duly supported by an
22 ordinance enacted by the Sangguniang Panglungsod/Pambayan. The said plan shall
23 be the basis for implementation of local youth development programs and services in
24 coordination with concerned agencies. These shall include, but not limited to, the
25 following:

- 26 A. Youth Development Programs:
- 27 (1) Scholarship And Exchange Programs – include local and international
28 scholarship and exchange programs, grants, and subsidies;

- 1 (2) Sports and Recreation Programs – include trainings, conferences,
2 seminars, sports, competitions and other sports activities;
- 3 (3) Livelihood Development Programs - include trainings on livelihood skills,
4 basic business management, entrepreneurship, formal and non-formal
5 skills, market linkages, business development, value orientation, credit
6 facility and job placement sourcing;
- 7 (4) Training and Capability-building Programs – include leadership,
8 advocacy, value formation, governance, information technology and other
9 relevant programs;
- 10 (5) Youth Cooperative Programs – include organization of youth
11 cooperatives, technical assistance and financial support from appropriate
12 government agencies; and
- 13 (6) Culture and the Arts Programs – include cultural programs and activities,
14 workshops, and art classes.
- 15 B. Youth Development Services:
- 16 (1) *Information Resource Service* – include access to internet, e-mail,
17 website services, material and information on job opportunities,
18 scholarship, trainings, local and international linkages and networking,
19 copies of all laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules,
20 regulations and other issuances pertinent to the youth sector, including
21 youth related measures filed in both houses of congress;
- 22 (2) *Adolescent Health Services* – include access to counseling services,
23 orientation seminars, trainings on health-related matters and referrals to
24 appropriate government clinics, hospitals, rural health units and
25 institutions;
- 26 (3) *Youth Hostels and Training Center Facilities* – include access to hostels,
27 dormitories, affiliated half-way houses, temporary shelter and training
28 center;

1 (4) *Legal Assistance Services*- include access to free or affordable legal
2 services such as counseling, advice, and referrals to appropriate
3 agencies;

4 (5) *Eco-Tourism Service* – include access to promotional campaign for local
5 tourism destinations, and information on travel guides, seminars,
6 conferences, and other similar activities;

7 SEC. 9. *Local Youth Congress* – The Council shall convene a local youth
8 congress or conduct consultations with the youth at least once a year. All resolutions,
9 declarations, and proceedings of the Local Youth Congress shall be submitted to the
10 council for appropriate action.

11 SEC. 10. *Meeting of the Council*. - The Council shall meet a least once a month
12 or as often as it may be deemed necessary. The Chairman or his duly designated
13 convenor shall preside in all council meetings.

14 SEC. 11. *Reportorial Requirement*. - The council shall submit the semi-annual
15 accomplishment reports, including youth situationer in their respective localities, to the
16 National Youth Commission through the office of the president of the “Pambansang
17 Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan”.

18 The president of the “Pambansang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan”
19 shall consolidate and evaluate the accomplishment reports submitted by all concerned
20 councils. It shall likewise submit the councils’ situationer reports to the National Youth
21 Commission for appropriate action.

22 The National Youth Commission shall consolidate, evaluate and assess the
23 councils’ youth situationer report as basis for the preparation of a National Youth
24 situationer pursuant to section 3 of R.A. 8044.

25 SEC. 12. *Youth Center*. – The Local Youth Development Council may establish
26 a youth center, which shall be located in the City or Municipal proper. The youth center
27 shall operate as a Multi-Purpose Center or a one-stop-shop facility.

1 For this purpose, the council may assign, designate, detail, or appoint a center
2 coordinator and, whenever necessary, additional personnel to assist the center
3 coordinator.

4 SEC. 13. *Roles, Duties and Responsibilities of Government Agencies* – The
5 Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare
6 and Development (DSWD), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Health
7 (DOH), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of
8 Justice (DOJ), Department of Tourism (DOT), Commission on Higher Education
9 (CHED), Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), National Computer Center (NCC),
10 National Commission on Culture and Arts (NCCA), National Economic Development
11 Authority (NEDA), National Youth Commission (NYC), Philippine Sports Commission
12 (PSC), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and other
13 government agencies with youth programs shall be mandated to perform the following:

- 14 1) To establish youth desk and designate a focal person in all their existing
15 local offices who shall facilitate and expedite the delivery of youth related
16 programs and services in their respective offices. In the absence of local
17 offices, such agencies shall designate a focal person in their respective
18 national offices; and
- 19 2) To provide prototype Information Education Communication (IEC)
20 materials in the Barangay Centers.

21 SEC. 14. *Discount Privileges*. – To inculcate in the youth the ideals of self-
22 development in the areas of education, arts, culture, sports and recreation the youth
23 shall be granted discount privileges as follows:

- 24 1. Ten percent (10%) discount from transportation services by air, sea, railway
25 transportation system, and land except jeepneys, tricycle and other similar
26 public utility vehicles that do not issue fare tickets;
- 27 2. A minimum of ten percent (10%) discount from hotels and similar lodging
28 establishments, recreation and sports centers; and

1 3. A minimum of ten percent (10%) discount on admission fees charged by
2 theaters, concert halls, museums, parks, and other similar places of
3 culture, arts, history and education.

4 For the purposes of this section, however, only youth whose age ranges from
5 fifteen (15) to twenty one (21) years shall be entitled to discount privileges.

6 SEC. 15. *Youth Identification Cards.* – To avail of the service and discounts in
7 various establishments nationwide, the council shall issue youth identification provided
8 that the Council may designate a committee that shall evaluate and process the
9 application forms. Qualified youth cardholders shall present their individual community
10 tax certificate as a requirement for the issuance of their identification cards and may be
11 required to pay the actual cost of the identification cards.

12 SEC. 16. *Tax Incentives to Private Establishments.* – To encourage popular
13 participation of establishments providing discounts to youth, all private establishment
14 may claim the cost as tax deductions: Provided, that such tax deduction scheme shall
15 be determined by the Department of Finance.

16 SEC. 17. *Tax Deduction or Exemption of Donations and Contributions.* - All
17 donations and contributions to the council in support of its continuing youth
18 development programs shall be exempt from the donor's taxes and shall be deductible
19 in full in the computation of the taxable net income of the donor.

20 SEC. 18. *Responsibility of the Municipal/City Mayor* – It shall be the
21 responsibility of the local chief executive in their respective municipality or city to ensure
22 that the provisions of this Act are implemented to its fullest.

23 SEC. 19. *Penalties.* - All establishments which shall not comply with the
24 provisions of Section 14 of this Act shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding
25 one (1) month or a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or both. In
26 case of imprisonment, the President or Head of said establishment shall be held liable
27 for the offense.

28 In case of two (2) or more violation, suspension or revocation of license or permit
29 to engage in business shall be imposed when so warranted by the circumstances.

1 SEC. 20. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of
2 this Act shall be included in the budget of the National Youth Commission and
3 concerned government agencies in the Annual General Appropriation Act of the year
4 following its enactment into law and thereafter.

5 In order to provide additional funds solely for the implementation of the
6 City/Municipal Youth Development Programs and Services, at least Thirty Million Pesos
7 (P30M) from the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR); and thirty
8 percent (30%) representing the Charity Fund of the Proceeds of three (3) highest
9 special lottery draws of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) held annually
10 during the weekly observance of the “Linggo ng Kabataan”, shall be remitted to the NYC
11 as Trust Fund.

12 SEC. 21. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The National Youth
13 Commission, in coordination with the League of Cities, League of Municipalities,
14 President of the “Pambansang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan”,
15 concerned committees of both Houses of Congress and other concerned agencies shall
16 formulate the implementing rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act
17 within ninety (90) days from its approval.

18 SEC. 22. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is declared
19 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
20 provision hereof.

21 SEC. 23. *Repealing Clause* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
22 regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act,
23 are hereby repealed, amended, or modified.

24 SEC. 24. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
25 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

26 Approved,

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