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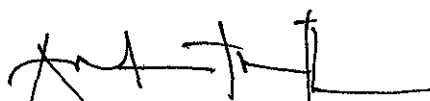
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 8044, otherwise known as the Youth in Nation-Building Act, defined officially "Filipino Youth" as those who are from 15 to 30 years old. Adopting this legal definition, based on the 2003 Census, the Filipino youth numbered about 34.4 million comprising almost a third of the country's population of more than 80 million.

The last few years manifest the truth that there seem to be no comprehensive policy on the Filipino youth. While we have the Sanggunian Kabataan (SK) instituted in all barangays of the Philippines, the issue of their being too politicized made a negative imprint for the rest of the young people. Thus, social ills continue to plague them: the menace of drug addiction, the grim reality accompanying child prostitution, the vice of internet gambling amongst students, among others. These are but proofs of their lack of guidance and absence of better attention to propel them to achieve a more fulfilling, rewarding and successful future. Government is thus given a unique role, as the engine to ensure an excellent quality of life for the young through a sustained, coordinated and nationwide implementation of youth programs.

The bill established a comprehensive Youth Corps Program. It seeks to promote the involvement of the youth in character-building and development activities for civic efficiency, self-improvement and economic well-being. The program is composed of various components such as: sports development; educational assistance; entrepreneurship; business and livelihood training; cooperative organization; and ecological development opportunities to discover their social and economic potentials to become self-reliant, productive and responsible citizens of the country.

The early approval of this legislation is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT  
PROMOTING THE PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF  
THE FILIPINO YOUTH THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH CORPS PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1       **SECTION 1. Title.** - This Act shall be known as "*Philippine Youth Corps Program of*  
2       *2010.*"

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4       **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** - It is declared the policy of the State to recognize the  
5       vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and project their physical, moral,  
6       spiritual, intellectual and social well-being It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and  
7       nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

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9       **SEC. 3. The Program.** - There is hereby created a "**Youth Corps Program,**" hereinafter  
10       referred to as the Program, which shall promote the growth and development of the youth  
11       through their involvement in character-building and development activities for civic efficiency,  
12       self-improvement, and economic well-being.

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14       **SEC. 4. Objectives.** - The program shall have the following objectives:

- 15       a. To provide for the formulation of policies and in the setting of priorities and direction of  
16       all youth development programs and activities;
- 17       b. To encourage intensive and active participation of the youth in all governmental and non-  
18       governmental programs, projects and activities affecting them;
- 19       c. To develop and harness the full potential of the youth as partners in nation building; and  
20       d. To supplement government appropriation for youth promotion and development with  
21       funds from other sources.

1           **SEC. 5. Components.** - The Program shall have the following components:

- 2           a. **Sports Development Program** - shall provide for the planning of nationwide physical  
3           fitness, recreation, and health programs and shall also provide for the construction of  
4           recreation facilities, playgrounds and sports centers in every local government unit in  
5           the country. It shall likewise provide for the formulation of a comprehensive national  
6           development program aimed at training youth for national and international  
7           competitions.
- 8           b. **Educational Assistance Program** - shall provide and generate funds for scholarship  
9           grants to young but qualified individuals. It shall also provide for the formulation of  
10          policies on the solicitation and expenditure of scholarship grants: *Provided*, however,  
11          That donations, legacies, grants-in-aid and contributions for the said Scholarship  
12          Program shall be exempt from taxation and shall be allowed as deductions for income  
13          tax purposes.
- 14          c. **Entrepreneurs Business and Livelihood Training Program** – shall provide for the  
15          development of the out-of-school youth and the youth in rural areas through a  
16          continuing non-formal skills development training for profitable employment ventures  
17          and/or agriculture-oriented production; the mechanics, management and operation of  
18          business and entrepreneurship.
- 19          d. **Cooperative Program** - shall provide for the organization of cooperatives which shall be  
20          under supervision of and shall be assisted by the Cooperative Development Authority,  
21          among youth groups and students, for the primary purpose of helping members  
22          achieve their common cooperative purposes and objectives.
- 23          e. **Environmental Developmental Program** - shall provide for ecological developmental  
24          modules where the youth can be taught to serve as volunteers to protect the country's  
25          fauna and flora, can be deputized as agents and learned the concept of sustainable  
26          development.

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28           **SEC. 6. Program Directors.** - Each component program shall be headed by a Program  
29   Director which shall have the following duties and functions:

- 30          a. Formulate and implement their respective components program throughout the country in  
31          coordination with various national agencies having youth-related programs and projects;
- 32          b. Coordinate and harmonize activities of all organizations engaged in youth development in  
33          the country by developing guidelines and standards governing their respective youth  
34          development program;
- 35          c. Develop initiate and provide support for the development and coordination of youth  
36          projects and design strategies to gain support and participation of the youth sector;

1 d. Perform such other functions as may be provided for by law. The Program Directors shall  
2 be under the control and supervision of the Executive Director of the National Youth  
3 Commission, as established under Republic Act No. 8044.

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5 **SEC. 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The Chairman of the National Youth  
6 Commission shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of  
7 this Act.

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9 **SEC. 8. *Appropriation.*** - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall  
10 be sourced from the following:

- 11 a. Five percent (5%) of the annual earnings of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office  
12 (PCSO);  
13 b. Five percent (5%) of the annual earnings of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming  
14 Corporation (PAGCOR); and  
15 c. One percent (1%) of the Internal Revenue Allotment government unit in addition to the  
16 regular Kabataan.

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18 **SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations  
19 and other issuance or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed,  
20 amended, or modified accordingly.

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22 **SEC. 10. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its  
23 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation,  
24 whichever comes earlier.

Approved,