

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 490



Introduced by Jose G. Solis

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to consolidate the mapping budget of various departments of the government and centralizing such function under the office of the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA).

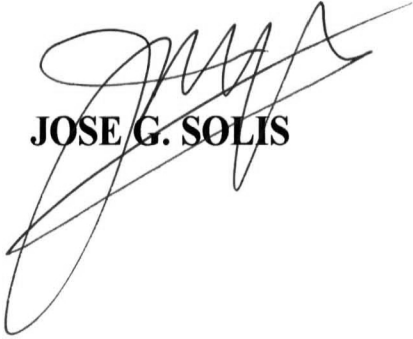
The NAMRIA is an attached agency of the DENR created under Executive Order No. 192, series of 1987 otherwise known as the Reorganization Act of the DENR where the functions of the National Cartography Authority of the Office of the President; Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Surveys under the Department of National Defense (DND); the Natural Resource and Management Center of the DENR; and the Land Classification Teams in the Forest Management Bureau of the DENR were integrated.

Under such Executive Order, NAMRIA shall provide the DENR and the Philippine government with map-making services and shall act as the central mapping agency which shall serve the needs of the line services of the DENR and other government offices with regard to information and research, and shall expand its capability on the production and maintenance of maps, charts, and similar photogrammetry and cartography materials. In other words, by virtue of this Order, mapping services have been centralized.

It has been observed, however, that there are other government agencies which still do their own mapping service resulting to duplication of

efforts and costs. In consonance with Executive Order No. 192, it is proposed that mapping work and the budget therefore be centralized for more efficient and effective geographic information service, considering that NAMRIA is well equipped to do the job.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
CONSOLIDATING THE MAPPING FUNCTION AND BUDGET
UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL MAPPING AND
RESOURCE INFORMATION AUTHORITY (NAMRIA).

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

SECTION 1. The functions and budget of mapping of all government agencies shall be consolidated, integrated and centralized under the office of the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA).

For the purpose of this Act, the budget of the different government agencies appropriated for mapping under the current General Appropriations Act shall be transferred to the NAMRIA. Thereafter the amount necessary for such purpose shall be included in the appropriations of the NAMRIA in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 2. the personnel with the duties and responsibilities related to mapping in the government agencies concerned shall be absorbed by the office of the NAMRIA to the extent that it is administratively viable to be determined by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). *Provided*, That the rights accorded to such personnel pursuant to Civil Service Law, rules and regulations shall not be impaired. *Provided further*, That the personnel concerned who cannot be absorbed by the NAMRIA shall be retained by the agency concerned, without any diminution of rank, salary or tenure.

SEC. 3. All mapping contracts entered into by government agencies shall remain in full force and effect until otherwise revoked by the NAMRIA.

SEC. 4. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect immediately.

Approved,