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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create Barangay Makilo in the Municipality of Tabuk, Province of Kalinga.

Makilo is a valley surrounded by high mountains in the southeastern portion of Tabuk. It is bounded in the East by the municipality of Quezon, Isabela, and by the municipality of Paracelis, Mountain Province to the South. The major occupation in this locality is farming, and most of the people are working as either farm laborer or government employee. Other livelihood activities are fishing, hunting, backyard gardening, livestock (backyard and ranch), poultry raising, sari-sari store, micro mill and passenger boats.

For the past several years, the residents of Makilo has felt that their needs have not been satisfactorily met by the local government of Tabuk, which is likewise saddled with various budgetary concerns, particularly for the financing socio-economic and development programs.

Henceforth, the residents of Barangay Makilo has clamored for the drafting of a legislative measure that would establish Makilo as a regular barangay in the municipality of Tabuk, with the hopes that this measure would allow their barangay to receive its own share of the Internal Revenue Allotment and would therefore allow the barangay officials to create projects aimed at promoting social and economic development in their area. Their establishment as an independent barangay would also let the people of Makilo to formulate policies, programs and activities that is distinctly suited to meet their unique socio-cultural structure.

Admittedly, the population size of Makilo would not meet the requirement set in the 1991 Local Government Code (eg. 2000 inhabitants). However, Book II, Paragraph 2, Section 386 of the same law provides for an exemption wherein, if the sitio being converted is populated by an indigenous cultural community to which, Makilo categorically belongs.

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

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AN ACT
CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MAKILO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA

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

SECTION 1. *Creation of Barangay Makilo.*- The sitio of Makilo is hereby constituted into a new, regular barangay to be known as Barangay Makilo in the Municipality of Tabuk, Province of Kalinga.

SEC. 2. *Conduct and Supervision of a Plebiscite.*- Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the new barangay shall exist upon a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters of Tabuk in a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in the area affected, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 3. *Barangay Officials.*- The first set of officials of the said barangay shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines and shall hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 4. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities.*- All public infrastructure and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the new barangay.

SEC. 5. *Internal Revenue Allotment Shares.*- Barangay Makilo shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment shares from the national government pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

SEC. 6. *Appropriations.*- The amount necessary to conduct the plebiscite as provided for under this Act shall be borne by the Municipality of Tabuk, Province of Kalinga.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.*- This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,