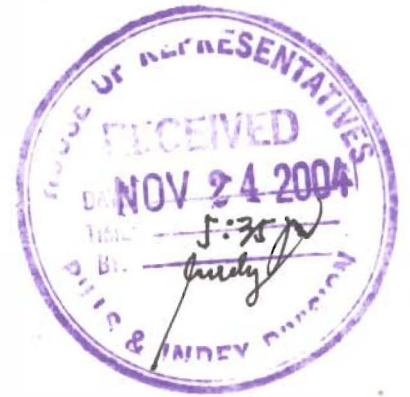


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

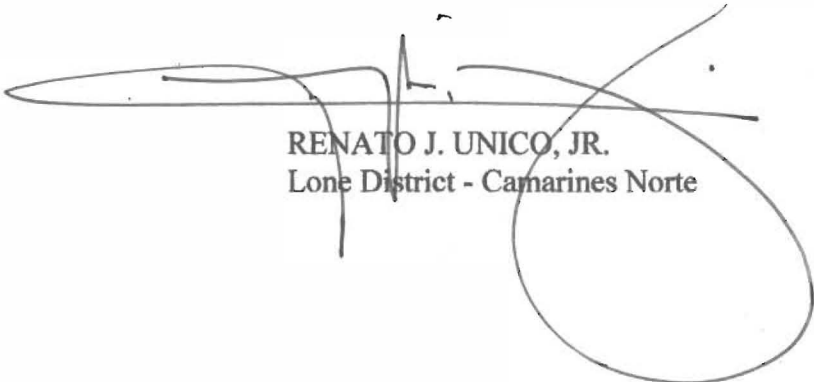
Comprising about twenty-eight percent (28%) of the entire Filipino population, the youth sector is an indispensable factor in achieving genuine national development. It is for this reason that the 1987 Philippine Constitution recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building. This national policy is further defined in RA No. 8044 which provides for the establishment of the National Comprehensive and Coordinated Program in Youth Development. With the enactment of said law, the National Youth Commission was created to served as the sole policy-making and coordinating body of all youth programs and projects of the government. While considerable progress has been attained in the area of youth development, including political empowerment of the youth through the creation of the Sangguniang Kabataan, much remains to be accomplished for our youth through a sustained, coordinated, and national implementation of youth programs. The Medium Term Youth Development Plan for 1999-2004 admits that there are implementation "bottlenecks" for youth development program due to (1) lack of regional bodies to coordinate all projects for the youth, (2) the role of SKs in the implementation of programs and projects are not clearly defined, (3) insufficient budgetary support for youth programs and projects, (4) low level of youth participation in community/political activities, (5) absence of a centralized data/banking system on youth which leads to poor information and consequently poor participation of the youth in government activities, among many other factors.

Thus, it is incumbent upon the State to adopt development strategies to encourage involvement of the youth sector in productive endeavors to lead them away from various illegal and undesirable activities, while ensuring them a better quality of life.

To achieve this goal, there is a need for a localized body that will exclusively cater to the total development needs of the youth in the locality. This bill, therefore, proposes to create 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 services in their respective areas of jurisdiction. The Council shall formulate and adopt a five-year city and municipal youth development plan comprising of various programs and services such as scholarship, sports, livelihood, training, cooperative organization, information resources, adolescent health, hostels, legal assistance, among others. These programs and services will provide our youth the necessary opportunities to discover their social and economic potentials to become self-reliant, productive and responsive citizens of the country.

This bill, likewise, provides discount privileges for qualified youth from various establishments and transportation services. Said privileges will encourage our youth to actively involve themselves in various productive activities, especially in the area of education, arts, culture, sports and creation.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BY
CREATING A LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN EVERY CITY,
MUNICIPALITY AND PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 the “ Local Youth Development
2 Council Act of 2004”.

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

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

8 1. *Youth* - refers to persons whose age ranges from fifteen (15) to thirty (30)
9 years as provided for under Section 4 of Republic Act No. 8044. As defined in the National
10 Youth Commission’s medium- term youth development plan, the youth shall include, but not
11 be limited to, the following sub-sectors: in-school youth, out of school youth, working youth,
12 and youth with special needs.

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

1 3. *Center* – refers to a multi-purpose or one– stop–shop facility as may be
2 established by the local youth development council that shall provide development programs
3 and services to the youth.

4 4. *Commission* – refers to the National Youth Commission established by virtue
5 of Republic Act No. 8044.

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

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

12 1. General Objectives:

13 (a) To develop and harness the full potential of the youth as responsible partners
14 in nation-building;

15 (b) To encourage intensive and active participation of youth in all government and
16 non-government programs, projects and activities affecting them;

17 (c) To harmonize all government and non-government initiatives to the
18 development of the youth sector; and

19 (d) To supplement government appropriations for youth promotion and
20 development with funds from other sources;

21 2. Specific Objectives:

22 (a) To broaden and strengthen the services provided by the national government
23 agencies, local government units and private agencies to young people;

(b) To provide information mechanism on youth opportunities on the areas of education, employment, livelihood, physical and mental health, capability-building and networking;

(c) To increase the spirit of volunteerism among the Filipino youth particularly in the maintenance of peace and order and the preservation, conservation and protection of the environment and natural resources within their locality;

(d) To provide monitoring and coordinating mechanisms for youth programs, projects and activities; and

(e) To provide a venue for the active participation of the youth in cultural and eco-tourism awareness programs.

SEC. 6. *Composition of the Council* – The council shall be composed of the following:

a) City or Municipal Mayor or Provincial Governor, Chairman

b) City or Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator

or Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator, Member

c) City or Municipal Local Government Operations Officer

or Provincial Local Government Operation Officer, Member

d) City or Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer

or Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer, Member

e) City or Municipal Health Officer

or Provincial Health Officer, Member

f) Schools Division Superintendent or his duly designated representative in the locality, Member

g) Three (3) representatives from youth organizations:

1) President of the “Pambayan, Panlungsod or Panlalawigan na

1 Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan”, Member

2 2) Chairman/President of the association of youth organizations, Member

3 3) President of the association of student councils of schools (both private and
4 Public) within the municipality, city or province, Member

5 h) Two (2) representatives from youth-serving organizations:

6 1) Church-based organization, Member

7 2) Community based organization, Member

8 SEC. 7. *Functions of the Local Youth Development Council* - The Local Youth

9 Development Council shall have the following functions:

10 a) To formulate policies and component programs in their respective areas of
11 jurisdiction in coordination with the various government agencies having youth-related
12 programs, projects and activities;

13 b) To coordinate and harmonize activities of all agencies and organizations
14 engaged in youth development programs in the locality;

15 c) To develop and provide support for the development and coordination of youth
16 projects and design strategies to gain support and participation of the youth;

17 d) To accredit sports and recreational centers, hostels, training centers, and other
18 institutions providing services to the youth as identified in this Act;

19 e) To assist the national government and government agencies in the promotion
20 of programs, projects and activities in the locality;

21 f) To assist various government and non-government agencies, in the
22 identification and nomination of qualified participants to different programs, projects and
23 activities;

24 g) To conduct fund- raising campaigns and solicitations;

25 h) To receive / accept donations, bequests, gifts and grants;

i) To enter into contracts with other government and non-government agencies necessary for the accomplishment of the objectives of this Act;

j) To recommend youth programs and project proposals to appropriate government agencies and non-government organizations;

k) To accredit training pools for the purpose of assisting line agencies in implementing the training and capability-building programs;

l) To create a research team that will formulate mechanisms to come up with local youth situationer;

m) To monitor the implementation of programs and projects at the local level;

n) To nominate its delegate to the national youth parliament;

o) To establish youth centers as deemed necessary; and

p) To perform such other functions as may be provided by law.

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

A) Youth Development Programs

1) Scholarship and Exchange Programs - local and international scholarships and exchange programs, grants, and subsidies;

2) Sports and Recreation - trainings/conferences, seminars, sports clinics, competitions and other sports activities;

1 3) Livelihood Development - trainings on livelihood skills, basic business
2 management, formal and non-formal skills, market linkaging, business development, values
3 orientation, credit facility and job placement sourcing;

4 4) Training and Capability-Building - leadership, advocacy, values formation,
5 governance, entrepreneurship, information technology and other relevant programs;

6 5) Youth Cooperatives - organization of youth cooperatives, technical assistance
7 and financial support from appropriate government agencies; and

8 6) Culture and Arts - cultural programs and activities, workshops, art classes,
9 among others.

10 B) Youth Development Services

11 1) Information Resource Services - internet, e-mail, website and the like,
12 materials and information on job opportunities, scholarships, trainings, local and
13 international linkaging and networking, and all laws, executive orders, presidential decrees,
14 rules, regulations and other issuances pertinent to the youth sector, including youth-related
15 measures filed in both Houses of Congress;

16 2) Adolescent Health – counseling services, orientation seminars, training on
17 health-related matters, and referrals to appropriate government clinics, hospitals, rural health
18 units and institutions;

19 3) Youth Hostels and Training Center Facilities - access to hostels, dormitories,
20 affiliated half-way houses, temporary shelters and training centers;

21 4) Legal Assistance - access to free or affordable legal services such as
22 counselling, advice, representation in court hearings, preparation of legal documents, and
23 referrals to appropriate agencies;

1 5) Eco-Tourism - promotional campaign designed to promote local tourism
2 destinations, and information on travel guides, seminars/conferences, and other similar
3 activities.

4 SEC. 9. *Meeting of the Council* – The Council shall meet at least once a month or as
5 often as it may deem necessary. The chairman or his duly designated convenor shall preside
6 in all council meetings.

7 SEC. 10. *Reportorial Requirement* - The Council shall submit a semi-annual
8 accomplishment report, including a youth situationer in their respective localities, to the
9 National Youth Commission, through the office of the president of the “Pambansang
10 Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan.”

11 The President of the “Pambansang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan” shall
12 evaluate and consolidate the accomplishment reports submitted by the Councils from all over
13 the country and submit the same together with the youth situationer reports to the National
14 Youth Commission for appropriate action.

15 The National Youth Commission shall evaluate, assess and consolidate, the youth
16 situationer reports as basis for the preparation of a National Youth situationer pursuant to
17 Section 3 of R.A. No. 8044.

18 SEC. 11. *Local Youth Consultation / Congress* – The Council shall convene a local
19 youth congress or conduct consultations with the youth at least once a year. All resolutions,
20 declarations and proceedings of the local youth congress / consultations shall be submitted to
21 the Council for appropriate action.

22 SEC. 12. *Youth Center* - The Council may establish a youth center which shall be
23 located in the city or municipal proper. The youth center shall operate as a multi-purpose
24 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 coordinator.

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

14 1) To establish youth desks and designate a focal person in all their existing local
15 offices who shall facilitate and expedite the delivery of youth related programs and services in
16 their respective offices. In the absence of the local offices, such agencies shall designate a
17 focal person in their respective national offices; and

18 2) To provide prototype Information Education Communication (IEC) materials in
19 the barangay centers.

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

23 1) Ten percent (20%) discount from transportation services by air, sea, railway
24 transportation system, and land, except jeepneys, tricycle and other similar public utility
25 vehicles that do not issue fare tickets.

1 2) A minimum of ten percent (20%) discount from hotels and similar lodging
2 establishments, recreation and sports centers;

3 3) A minimum of ten percent (20%) discount on admission fees charged by
4 theaters, concert halls, museums, parks, and other similar places of culture, arts, history and
5 education.

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

8 SEC. 15. *Youth Identification Card* - To avail of the services and discounts in
9 various establishments nationwide, the Council shall issue youth identification cards. The
10 Council may designate a committee that shall evaluate and process the application for ID
11 cards. Qualified youth shall present their individual Certificates of Live Birth and Community
12 Tax Certificates as a requirement for the issuance of their ID. They may, however, be required
13 to pay the actual cost of the card.

14 SEC. 16. *Tax Incentives to Private Establishment* - To provide incentives to private
15 establishments for giving discounts to youth, all participating establishments may claim the
16 cost as tax deduction: *Provided*, That such tax deduction scheme shall be determined by the
17 Department of Finance.

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

22 SEC. 18. *Responsibility of the Municipal/City Mayor/Provincial Governor* - It shall
23 be the responsibility of the local chief executive of the respective municipality, city or
24 province to ensure that the provisions of this Act are implemented to its fullest.

1 SEC. 19. *Penalties* - All establishments which shall not comply with the provisions
2 of Section 14 of this Act shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding one (1) month or a
3 fine not exceeding Five Thousand Pesos (5,000.00) or both. In case of imprisonment, the
4 president or head of said establishment shall be held liable for the offense.

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

7 SEC. 20. *Appropriations* - The necessary appropriation for the operation and
8 maintenance of the Council shall be appropriated and approved by the local government units
9 concerned. The national government shall appropriate such amount as may be necessary to
10 carry out the provisions of this Act.

11 SEC. 21. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* - The Department of Interior and
12 Local Government (DILG), shall be the lead agency tasked with the formulation of the
13 implementing rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act within ninety (90)
14 days from its approval. It shall coordinate with the League of Cities, League of
15 Municipalities, League of Provinces and jointly consult with the National Youth Commission
16 (NYC), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Education
17 (DepEd), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Agriculture (DA),
18 Department of Health (DOH), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR),
19 Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Tourism (DOT), Commission on Higher
20 Education (CHED), Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), National Computer Center
21 (NCC), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Technical Education and
22 Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Budget and Management (DBM),
23 Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), other
24 concerned agencies, and concerned committees of both Houses of Congress..

1 SEC. 22. *Separability Clause* - If any provision of this act is declared
2 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions
3 hereof.

4 SEC. 23. *Repealing Clause* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
5 regulations and other issuances or part thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act, are
6 hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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

 Approved,