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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Over the years, local governments have increasingly assumed greater responsibilities in furtherance of meaningful local administration and development. Correspondingly, there has been a noticeable surge in the conferment of awards in cognizance of performance in the attainment of desirable sectoral ends. What remains to be realized is an award which recognizes the multi-dimensions of local administration and development.

As proposed, central to the concerns of this Award is official recognition of exemplary performance in Local Administrative Governance, in Local Social Governance, in Local Economic Governance and in Local Environmental Governance.

It is high time that a local government, be it a province, city or a municipality, be considered and understood in such dimensions, whereby performance, productivity and state of development are key considerations. Actually, these are indicative of core strategies which the national government through its agencies having to do with local administration and development should focus on more importantly if we have to succeed in strengthening the current local government system. This, after all is the foundation of a strong nation.

Understanding local governments in the light of the above-mentioned dimensions implies sustained and robust reforms capable of enabling and sustaining a development and outcome-orientation of Philippine local governments today, and in the future.

Approval of this Bill, which was filed in the House of Representatives of the 14TH Congress and now re-filed *in toto* in the present Congress, is highly recommended.

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AN ACT
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT HERITAGE AWARD,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the LOCAL GOVERNMENT HERITAGE AWARD.

SEC. 2. Coverage and Purpose. – The Local Government Heritage Award covers all provinces, cities and municipalities. It is the highest award of distinction for exemplary, unparalleled and sustained performance in local administrative governance, economic governance, and environmental governance.

SEC. 3. Criteria of the Award.- Provinces, cities and municipalities shall be assessed in terms of their Performance, Productivity and State of Development in four dimensions, as follows:

- Local Administrative Governance in such areas as local legislation; transparency; participation; development planning; revenue generation; resource allocation and utilization; financial accountability; customer service; human resources management and development;
- Local Social governance in such areas as health and nutrition; education; housing and basic utilities; peace, security and disaster risk management;

- Local Economic Governance in such areas as agriculture and fisheries development; entrepreneurship, business and industry promotion; and
- Local Environmental Governance in such areas as natural resources management; and waste management and pollution control.

SEC. 4. Awards and Prizes. – The award shall be conferred to each of the National awardees from any or all of the following levels of local governments, namely, province, highly urbanized city, independent component / component city, 1st-3rd class municipality or 4th-6th class municipality in the form of a Presidential trophy and a Cash Prize of not less than Three Million (Php 3,000,000.00) Pesos.

SEC. 5. Award Committee and Functions. – The Award shall be implemented by a National Awards Committee (NAC), an inter-agency body spearheaded by the DILG, with the following agencies as members: DBM, DOF, NEDA, CSC, DSWD, DepED, DENR, DOT, DTI, NAPC, DOH, DA, DAR, PMS, PIA and the private Sector.

The NAC may expand its membership as deemed necessary.

The NAC shall:

1. Initiate and coordinate the necessary activities towards the successful implementation of the Award;
2. Set guidelines in the evaluation of LGU-contenders and the selection of the National Awardees;
3. Advocate and promote the Award;
4. Mobilize support system;
5. Secure additional funding and counterpart prizes from member agencies;
6. Render report to the President and give appropriate recommendations in the implementation of the Award.

SEC. 6. National Board of Judges.- the NAC shall organize a Board of Judges to assist in the selection of the National Awardees. The Board of Judges shall be composed of prominent personalities representing the government, private sector, business sector, and civil society.

SEC. 7. Technical and Administrative Support.-The Bureau of Local Government Supervision of the DILG shall provide technical and administrative support to the Committees.

SEC. 8. Design Specifications. The national Historical Institute of the Presidential Commission on Culture and Arts shall prescribe the design specifications of the Presidential Trophies and Plaques.

SEC. 9. Budgetary Allocation. – For purposes of the award, the amount of Thirty Million (Php30M) pesos shall be incorporated in the FY 2009 General Appropriations Act and every three (3) years thereafter. The said amount shall be administered by the Department of the interior and Local Government, through its Bureau of Local Government Supervision, as trust fund.

SEC. 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within thirty (30) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of Interior and Local Government, in coordination with the NAC member agencies, shall promulgate the rules and regulations implementing this Act.

SEC. 11. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 12. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

APPROVED.