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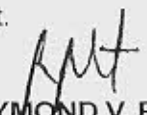
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Owing to the institution's mandate and capacity to mobilize the youth towards participation in the governance process, the Sangguniang Kabataan can be tapped by both national and local governments to implement programs and projects that are in tune with the needs of the times. However, a criticism often leveled at the Sangguniang Kabataan is its lack of vision and oversight in terms of coming up with innovative and much-needed projects that take into consideration the needs of communities these young leaders have vowed to serve.

Today is a time when we painfully witness the effects of timeworn and destructive environmental policies that the government has long been espousing and blindly implementing. From landslides, typhoons, earthquakes and other disasters, both natural and man-made, we have witnessed the loss of lives and properties that could have been prevented or at least minimized if a clear and proper environmental and disaster management program is in place. And yet it is also during this time when we see how the citizens, the youth in particular, can step up and rise to the occasion by being at the forefront of relief and rescue missions. We must not, however, confine ourselves to post-disaster intervention and involvement. The youth must do their part in fighting and working for a society that gives importance to environmental protection and conservation and disaster preparedness.

While the Local Government Code of 1991 vests in the Sangguniang Kabataan the authority to promulgate resolutions necessary to carry out the objectives of the youth and to coordinate with the appropriate national agency for the implementation of youth development projects and programs in the national level, the same does not specifically mandate the SK with the power to implement projects and programs related to environmental protection and disaster preparedness in their respective barangays. This bill seeks to mandate the Sangguniang Kabataan to implement environmental protection and disaster preparedness and response projects in order to mould young leaders at the local level to be more pro-active in environmental issues that warrant greater attention and engagement.

In light of the foregoing, the urgent passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DEFINING THE ROLE OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN IN
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER
PREPAREDNESS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT
PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9729

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 426 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the "Local Government Code of
2 1991" is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4 "SEC. 426: *Powers and Functions of the Sangguniang Kabataan.* - The
5 Sangguniang Kabataan shall:

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7 (a) XXX

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9 (b) Initiate programs designed to enhance the social, political, economic,
10 cultural, intellectual, moral, spiritual and physical development of the
11 members;

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13 THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN SHALL INITIATE AND IMPLEMENT IN
14 THEIR RESPECTIVE BARANGAYS PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS
15 RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, CLIMATE CHANGE AND
16 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE, SUCH AS, BUT NOT
17 LIMITED TO, TREE PLANTING, COASTAL CLEANUPS, SOLID WASTE
18 DISPOSAL, LECTURES AND TRAININGS ON DISASTER RISK
19 REDUCTION, AND SUCH OTHER PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS.

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21 IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM, THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL
23 DETERMINE THE KINDS OF TREE MOST ADAPTABLE TO THE AREA
24 CONCERNED AND PROVIDE THE SEEDLING THEREFOR. THE LOCAL
25 GOVERNMENT UNITS CONCERNED, ON THE OTHER HAND, SHALL

1 IDENTIFY THE SITES WHERE THE TREES WILL BE PLANTED.
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3 IN THE URBAN CENTERS WHERE TREE PLANTING IS NO LONGER
4 FEASIBLE, THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN SHALL IMPLEMENT A
5 "GREENING" PROGRAM IN SITES IDENTIFIED BY THE LOCAL
6 GOVERNMENT UNITS CONCERNED WITH RESPECT TO SOLID
7 WASTE DISPOSAL. THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND
8 NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL PROVIDE THE TECHNOLOGY AND
9 ASSIST THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN AS WELL AS THE LOCAL
10 GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION,
11 SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED FOR IN EXISTING
12 LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS.
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14 IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS RELATED
15 TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE, THE NATIONAL
16 DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT CENTER AND LOCAL
17 GOVERNMENT UNITS CONCERNED SHALL PROVIDE THE
18 NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN SUCH
19 AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE CREATION OF A DISASTER
20 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE MODULE FOR YOUTH
21 VOLUNTEERS, AND SEMINARS AND LECTURES ON DISASTER
22 MANAGEMENT;
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25 (c) XXX
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27 (d) XXX
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29 (e) XXX
30 (f) XXX
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32 (g) Coordinate with the appropriate national agency for the implementation
33 of youth development projects and programs at the national level;
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35 "(g-1) COORDINATE WITH THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY OF THE
36 GOVERNMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
37 BARANGAYS OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS RELATED TO
38 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
39 AND RESPONSE, SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TREE PLANTING,
40 COASTAL CLEANUPS, SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, LECTURES AND
41 TRAININGS ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION, AND SUCH OTHER
42 PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THAT THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN
43 MAY IMPLEMENT IN THE FUTURE.
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46 (h) XXX
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48 (i) XXX
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51 **SECTION 2.** Section 9 of Republic Act No. 9729 or the "Climate Change Act of 2009" is

1 hereby amended to read as follows:
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- 3 (a) Ensure the mainstreaming of climate change, in synergy with disaster risk
4 reduction, into the national, sectoral and local development plans and
5 programs;
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7 THE COMMISSION SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE SANGGUNIANG
8 KABATAAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
9 BARANGAYS OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS RELATED TO
10 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
11 AND RESPONSE, SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TREE PLANTING,
12 COASTAL CLEANUPS, SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, LECTURES AND
13 TRAININGS ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION, AND SUCH OTHER
14 PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THAT THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN
15 MAY IMPLEMENT IN THE FUTURE.
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17 **SECTION 3. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the
18 completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general
19 circulation.

Approved,