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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Scouting is one of the strongest means of promoting physical, mental, moral, spiritual and social growth of the youth. As a tool to develop various holistic traits in the youth - from moral values and civic consciousness to environment protection and civic responsibility, the aim of this bill is to restructure the Boy Scouts of the Philippines in order to better serve its purpose.

The 1987 Constitution encourages educating the youth towards civic consciousness and moral values so that they may be productive and patriotic members of society. (Section 13, Article II) In this regard, this bill seeks to reorganize and restructure the government entity created under Commonwealth Act No. 111, as amended, that would handle such a crucial role in upbringing our children and the youth. In this bill, the new acting entity, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, along with its powers, functions and duties will be refined so that our Scouts may have a formal and organized corporation that is more attuned to the times and adapted to growing challenges they will face.

Since the 8th congress, there have been attempts to formulate an organized law, but this bill seeks to establish a more concrete organization in order for the Boy Scouts of the Philippines may be more developed to achieve its goals in the guidance and moral, civic and social development of our children and youth in this rapidly changing world.

In light of the foregoing and for better government service to our children and youth in the form of a more organized Scouts Philippines, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT INSTITUTING THE BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES CHARTER,
DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWER AND FUNCTIONS, REPEALING FOR THE
PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 111, AS AMMENDED**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative of the Philippines in congress
assembled:*

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “Boy Scouts of the
2 Philippines Charter”.

3 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – Recognizing the vital role of young people
4 ages 4 to 25 in nation building, it is therefore the policy of the State to ensure and
5 protect their physical, moral, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual growth by
6 promoting Scouting as an integral component of the basic education system.

7 **SECTION 3. Objectives.** – The objectives of this Act are:

- 8 (a) To promote through organizations and cooperation with other agencies, the
9 ability of the young people and/or the Filipino youth to do the useful things
10 for themselves and others;
11 (b) To train the young people and/or the Filipino youth in the attitudes, skills,
12 and the habits of responsible citizenship;
13 (c) To inculcate in the young people and/or the Filipino youth patriotism, civic
14 consciousness and responsibility, environmental protection awareness and
15 activities, courage, self reliance, selflessness, discipline and kindred virtues,
16 as well as moral and spiritual values, using the method which are in common
17 use by Scouts.

18 **SECTION 4. Boy Scouts of the Philippines.** – The Boy Scouts of the Philippines
19 (BSP) hereinafter referred to shall have its principal office in Metropolitan Manila. They
20 may establish such other offices, agencies or branches anywhere in the Philippines as its
21 operations would require and its National Executive Board will determine.

1 **SECTION 5. *Corporate Powers.*** – As a juridical entity, the BSP shall have
2 perpetual succession and shall enjoy the following corporate powers:

- 3 (a) To sue and be sued;
4 (b) To acquire, hold and convey such real and personal properties, rights and
5 chooses in action as shall be deemed necessary and desirable for its purposes
6 as hereinafter set forth;
7 (c) To receive funds, real and personal properties by gift, devise and donation,
8 contribution or other means;
9 (d) To adapt a seal and to alter and destroy the same at pleasure;
10 (e) To have offices and conduct its business and affairs in the Metropolitan
11 Manila area and in the province, cities, municipalities and barangays in the
12 Philippines; and,
13 (f) Generally, to exercise all the powers of a corporation and do all such acts and
14 things as may be necessary to carry into effect of the provision of this Act and
15 promote the purpose of said organization.

16 **SECTION 6. *Vision and Mission.*** – Vision and Mission of the Boy Scouts of the
17 Philippines

18 Vision

19 We are the leading provider of progressive outdoor-based non-formal education
20 committed to develop morally straight, disciplined, concerned, self-reliant citizens in
21 the best tradition of world Scouting.

22 Mission

23 To inculcate in our Scouts, love of God, country and fellowmen. To prepare the
24 youth for responsible leadership. To contribute to nation building according to the
25 ideals, principles, and program of Scouting.

26 **SECTION 7. *Nature and Purpose.*** – The BSP is an independent and voluntary,
27 non-stock, non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political entity which shall willingly cooperate
28 with other persons, natural and judicial, public and private, whose ideals and
29 procedures are in accord with those conferred or authorized by this Act.

30 **SECTION 8. *Chief Scout.*** – The President of the Republic of the Philippines shall
31 be the Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

32 **SECTION 9. *Vice Chief Scout.*** – The Vice-President of the Republic of the
33 Philippines shall be the Vice Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

34 **SECTION 10. *Authority and Powers of the Chief Scout and Vice Chief Scout.*** – The
35 Chief Scout and Vice Chief Scout are honorary members of the Boy Scouts of the
36 Philippines but are not deemed to be members of the National Executive Board unless
37 they are duly elected as members thereof in accordance with the provisions of this Act
38 and of the Corporation's by-laws.

39 **SECTION 11. *National Executive Board.*** – The governing body of the said
40 corporation shall consist of a National Executive Board, the members of which shall be
41 Filipino citizens of good moral character. The Board shall be composed of the following:

- 42 (a) The Secretary of the Department of Education;

- 1 (b) Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government;
2 (c) The National President of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines;
3 (d) Regional Chairmen of the geographical regions of the Corporation to be
4 known as Scout Regions who shall be elected by the representatives of all the
5 chartered Provincial, City or conglomerate of cities and municipalities to be
6 known as Local Councils within the region during its meeting called for this
7 purpose;
8 (e) One Senior/Rover Scout each from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao areas, to be
9 elected during the conference of Scouts ages 13 to 25 known as the Scout
10 Youth Forum in their respective Philippine geographical areas;
11 (f) Twelve (12) regular members to be elected by the members of the National
12 Council in its meeting called for this purpose; and,
13 (g) Five (5) additional members from the private sector.

14 Thereafter, the National Executive Board as herein fully constituted shall elect
15 from among themselves the following officers of the corporation:

- 16 (a) President;
17 (b) Senior Vice-President;
18 (c) One (1) Vice-President each from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao areas;
19 (d) Treasure; and,
20 (e) Such other officers as the Board may deem necessary.

21 The numerical composition of the National Executive Board shall also be
22 provided for in the Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

23 The qualification, term of office and manner of electing the abovementioned
24 members of the National Executive Board shall be prescribed within the By-laws of the
25 corporation.

26 The term of office of the members of the Board shall be three (3) years. However
27 all incumbent elective officers of the BSP whose terms have not yet expired at the
28 effectivity of this Act shall be allowed to serve the unexpired portion of their term as
29 herein provided for and the President of the Corporation shall be eligible for reelection.

30 Vacancies in the National Executive Board shall be filled by a majority vote of the
31 remaining members and a member thus elected shall serve only for the unexpired term.

32 The bylaws may prescribe the number of the National Executive Board necessary
33 to constitute a quorum of the board.

34 **SECTION 12.** *Powers and Functions of the National Executive Board.* – The National
35 Executive Board shall exercise the following powers and functions:

- 36 (a) To make and to amend the bylaws subject to the ratification by a majority
37 vote of the members present at a meeting of the National Council or at a
38 special meeting called for this purpose;
39 (b) To authorize and cause to be executed mortgages and liens upon the property
40 of the Corporation by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the whole Board at meeting
41 called for this purpose;

- 1 (c) To designate five (5) or more of their number to constitute an executive or
2 governing committee, of which a majority shall constitute a quorum, through
3 a resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board. Such Committee, to the
4 extent provided in said resolution or in the bylaws of the corporation, shall
5 have and exercise the powers of the National Executive Board in the
6 management of the business affairs of the Corporation, and may have the
7 power to authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers
8 which may require it;
- 9 (d) To create standing and special committees and appoint the chairmen and
10 members thereof from among themselves by affirmative vote of a majority of
11 the whole Board. Such standing committees shall exercise such powers as
12 may be authorized by the bylaws;
- 13 (e) To dispose in any manner a part or the whole property of the Corporation
14 with the consent in writing and pursuant to an affirmative vote of two-thirds
15 (2/3) of the members of the National Council; and,
- 16 (f) To hold regular meetings at a time and place to be designated in the bylaws.
17 Special meetings of the Board may be called by the National President or
18 upon such notice as may be prescribed in the bylaws.

19 **SECTION 13. National Council.** - The National Council is the highest corporate
20 policy making body of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines that shall manage the affairs
21 and business of the corporation. The National Council shall be composed of the
22 following members:

- 23 (a) The members of the National Executive Board;
- 24 (b) The Regional Scout Commissioner; a person duly appointed and
25 commissioned by the National Executive Board;
- 26 (c) The Chairmen and Commissioners of all Local Councils; and,
- 27 (d) Other duly accredited delegates of all local Scout councils as may be provided
28 in the bylaws.

29 "The qualifications, terms of office, and the manner of electing the
30 abovementioned members of the National Council shall be prescribed in the bylaws of
31 the corporation.

32 "The numerical composition of the National Council shall provided for in the
33 bylaws of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines. Provided, that all regions and all local
34 councils shall be duly represented therein by at least two (2) duly accredited delegates
35 in addition to those who are members of the National Executive Board as provided for
36 under Section 11 of this Act.

37 The National Council shall convene once every three (3) years in a convention
38 assembled for the purpose. "Special meetings of the National Council may be called
39 upon such notice as may be prescribed in the bylaws. One-third (1/3) of the members of
40 the National Council shall constitute a quorum to do business during meetings.

1 “The National Council and the National Executive Board shall have the power to
2 hold their meetings and keep the seal, books, documents, and papers of the corporation
3 within or out of Metropolitan Manila.

4 “The National President of the corporation shall preside over the meetings of the
5 National Council.

6 Each local scout council represented in the annual or special meeting of the
7 National Council shall be entitled to four (4) votes plus one (1) vote for every ten
8 thousand (10,000) of their scout membership. The members of the National Executive
9 Board and the life members shall each be entitled to one (1) vote.

10 **SECTION 14.** *Powers and Duties of the National Council.* – The National Council
11 shall exercise the following powers and functions:

12 (a) To hold a Triennial Council Meeting at a time and place to be designated in
13 the bylaws. The purpose of such meetings is to discuss the National concerns
14 and issues of each Local Scout Council for the proper governance of the Boy
15 Scouts of the Philippines;

16 (b) To require the majority vote of the National Council before the cause of any
17 lien, encumbrance or disposition of any real property;

18 (c) To propose the creation of any committee either governing or special to
19 govern or do any legal task that the Regional or Local Councils may require;
20 and,

21 (d) All other powers necessary for the effective managements of the affairs of the
22 Regional and Local Councils as long as they are not inconsistent with the
23 decisions and powers of the National Executive Board and the powers and
24 duties provided for in the by-laws.

25 **SECTION 15.** *Exclusivity Clause.* – The corporation created by this Act shall
26 adopt and shall have the sole and exclusive rights to use distinctive titles, emblems,
27 descriptive or designing marks, words and phrases, badges, uniforms and insignia for
28 the Boy Scouts of the Philippines in carrying out its program in accordance with the
29 purposes of this Act, and which shall be published in the Official Gazette or in any
30 newspaper of the general circulation in the Philippines.

31 (a) The BSP shall adopt distinctive emblems, badges, insignias, uniforms and
32 other equipment which shall be made available to and used only by
33 registered Scouts or officials who have satisfactorily complied with the
34 international requirements and which BSP shall use in carrying out its
35 programs consistent with the purpose of this Act. The BSP shall cause the
36 registration of said emblems, badges, insignias, uniforms and other
37 equipment in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 8293,
38 otherwise known as the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines, as
39 amended. The Intellectual Property Office (IPO) is hereby directed to cause
40 said registration free of charge.

41 (b) The Securities and Exchange Commission, the IPO and the Department of
42 Trade and Industry shall refuse the registration of associations, the
43 registration of trade names and the filing of trademarks, commercial marks

1 and industrial models and designs making use of emblems, badges, insignias,
2 uniforms and other equipment of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines or their
3 translation in any official language and dialect in violation of this Act.

4 **SECTION 16. *Fiscal Incentives.*** – Any donations or contribution which from
5 time to time may be made to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines by the Government or
6 any of its subdivisions, branches, offices, agencies or instrumentalities or by a foreign
7 government or by private entities and individuals shall be expended by the National
8 Executive Board in pursuance of this Act. The Corporation shall be entitled to the
9 following tax and duty privileges:

10 (a) Exemption from income tax pursuant to Section 30 (e), (g) and (h) of the
11 National Internal Revenue code of 1997, as Amended;

12 (b) Tax and/or duty exemption of donations from foreign countries as
13 provided under relevant laws such as but not limited to Section 105 of the
14 Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, and Section 109
15 (q) of the National Internal Revenue code of 1997, as Amended;

16 (c) Exemption from all direct and indirect taxes, including value-added tax
17 (VAT) fees and other charges of all kinds on all income derived from its
18 operations, including the use, lease or sale of its real properties and the
19 provisions of services;

20 (d) Exemption from the direct and indirect taxes, including VAT, duties, fees
21 and other charges on importations and purchases for its exclusive use;
22 and,

23 (e) Tax and/or duty exemption of donations from foreign countries as
24 provided under relevant laws such as, but not limited to, Section 105 of
25 the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, and Section
26 109(K) of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as Amended.

27 (f) Exemption from payment of real property taxes on all real properties
28 owned by it.

29 (g) The BSP shall likewise be exempt from payment from all other taxes,
30 duties, imposts, and charges.

31 Likewise, all donations, legacies and gifts of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines
32 to support its purposes and objectives as embodied in this Act shall, subject to
33 limitations and conditions under the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as
34 amended, be exempt from the donor's tax and shall be deductible from the gross
35 income of the donor for income tax purposes. Such donations, legacies and gifts shall be
36 expended by the National Executive Board in pursuance of this Act.

37 **SECTION 17. *Penal Clause.*** – From and after the passage of this Act, it shall
38 be unlawful for any person within the jurisdiction of the Philippines to falsely and
39 fraudulently wear the Boy Scouts of the Philippines uniform, call himself as, or
40 represent himself to be a member of, or an agent for, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.
41 It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell or distribute or cause to be
42 manufactured, sold or distributed fraudulently or without the official knowledge and
43 written approval of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines

1 badges, uniforms, insignia, or Scouting paraphernalia or the photos or visuals of a Scout
2 or Scouts in uniform, or the logo, seal or corporate name of the Boy Scouts of the
3 Philippines, in any print ad, radio or television commercial, billboard, collateral
4 material or any form of advertisement, including the internet; or to use the name of the
5 Boy Scouts of the Philippines in any illegal purpose or personal gain. Any violation of
6 the provisions of this section shall be punished by prison correctional in its maximum
7 period to prison mayor in its minimum period and fine of not less than Two Hundred
8 Thousand Pesos (Php200,000) nor more than Five Hundred Thousand Pesos
9 (Php500,000). Provided, that in case of corporations, partnerships, associations, societies
10 or companies, the manager, administrator or the person in charge or the management
11 or administration of the business shall be criminally responsible for any such violation.

12 This shall be without prejudice to the applicable penalties for violations of the
13 intellectual property rights of the BSP under the Intellectual Code of the Philippines, as
14 amended.

15 **SECTION 18. *Transitory Change.*** - Until such time as the organization and
16 restructuring of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines in accordance with this Act is affected,
17 the incumbent officers and members of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts
18 of the Philippines shall conduct the affairs of Boy Scouts of the Philippines and take the
19 necessary steps to effect with this Act is affected, the incumbent officers and members
20 of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines shall conduct the
21 affairs of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and take the necessary steps to effect such
22 reorganization until a new National Executive Board and a new set of national officers
23 shall have been elected within six (6) months from the effectively of this Act.

24 **SECTION 19. *Repealing/Amending Clause.*** - Commonwealth Act No. 111,
25 Presidential Decree No. 460, Republic Act No. 7278, and Executive order 509 (series of
26 1992) are hereby amended. All other laws, orders and proclamations, rules and
27 regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act or
28 its purposes are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

29 **SECTION 20. *Separability Clause.*** - If for any reason, any provision of this Act
30 or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remaining
31 provision not affected thereby shall be in full force and effect.

32 **SECTION 21. *Effectivity Clause.*** This Act shall effect fifteen (15) days after its
33 publication in the Official Gazatte or in at least (2) newspapers of general circulation.

34 *Approved,*