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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5410



Introduced by Rep. Dale "Along" R. Malapitan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to subdivide Barangay 176, also known as Barangay Bagong Silang, in the City of Caloocan into seven distinct, separate and independent barangays, with entitlement for a share in the internal revenue allotment pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991," and the power and privilege to retain and administer, without cost or compensation, all public infrastructures and facilities existing in their respective areas.

Barangay 176 or Barangay Bagong Silang was established during the administration of former President Ferdinand E. Marcos purposely to bring "new hope" for most of its residents who were originally living in slum areas across Metro Manila during the 1970s. Thus, the namesake of the barangay, the Tagalog word for "newborn", was lifted, apparently, from the very purpose for which it was established.

Barangay 176, which is located in North Caloocan, is the largest barangay in the Philippines both in population and land area. Based on the latest census conducted by the NSO in 2015, this barangay now has a total population of 246,515, accounting for 16% of Caloocan City's population. The constant relocation of informal settler families since the 1970s and the annual influx of new residents therein greatly contributed to the sudden increase of Bagong Silang's population.

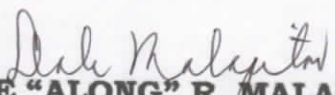
In terms of land area, Barangay 176 covers five hundred twenty-four point sixty-eight (524.68) hectares of land, almost a tenth of the total area of Caloocan City. Its huge population and land area has necessitated a change in the address format to "Phases, Packages, Block and Lot."

Because of its sheer size in population and land area, Barangay 176 receives an annual internal revenue allotment of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Million Nine Hundred Sixty Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Eight Pesos (Php137, 960,478). However, rather than operating as a boon and a source of strength, these attributes have become a bane for its residents. Issues about good

government management and services being thinly and unequally spread serves as a ground for the growing disenchantment of residents and the driving force towards the call for the subdivision of Barangay 176. This was perceived to be as an apparent display of the lack of capacity and competence of local officials to attend to the primordial needs of a large barangay.

In the past, an attempt was made to subdivide Barangay 176 through House Bill No. 5938 which was approved on third reading during the 15th Congress. It however failed to pass consideration in the Senate and was eventually archived after the expiration of term.

This proposed measure therefore serves to pursue such continuous call to subdivide Barangay 176 in order to realize good governance, competent management of local affairs, and assure system readiness to response the needs of the residents thereof. With the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is therefore earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

SUBDIVIDING BARANGAY 176, ALSO KNOWN AS BARANGAY BAGONG SILANG, IN THE CITY OF CALOOCAN INTO SEVEN DISTINCT, SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY 176-A, BARANGAY 176-B, BARANGAY 176-C, BARANGAY 176-D, BARANGAY 176-E, BARANGAY 176-F, AND BARANGAY 176-G.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision of Barangay 176. - Barangay 176, also known as Barangay Bagong Silang, in the City of Caloocan is hereby subdivided into seven (7) distinct, separate and independent barangays to be known as Barangay 176-A, Barangay 176-B, Barangay 176-C, Barangay 176-D, Barangay 176-E, Barangay 176-F, Barangay 176-G.

SEC. 2. Composition. - The existing puroks or phases of Barangay Barangay No. 176 shall comprise the new barangays herein created, as follows:

- a. Barangay 176-A shall be composed of Phases I and II;
- b. Barangay 176-B shall be composed of Phases III and V;
- c. Barangay 176-C shall be composed of Phase IV;
- d. Barangay 176-D shall be composed of Phase VII;
- e. Barangay 176-E shall be composed of Phase VIII;
- f. Barangay 176-F shall be composed of Phase IX; and,
- g. Barangay 176-G shall be composed of Phase X.

SEC. 3. Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite. – The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite to be held in Barangay 176 (Barangay Bagong Silang) in the City of Caloocan within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

The expenses for such plebiscite shall be charged against the Contingency Fund or any unexpended budget of the current year of the COMELEC.

SEC. 4. Barangay Officials. – The first set of officials of the barangays shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines, in consultation with the Representative of the District, and shall hold office until such time that their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 5. Public Infrastructures and Facilities. – All existing public infrastructures and facilities existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation and shall be administered by the new barangays.

SEC. 6. Internal Revenue Allotment Shares.– All the barangays herein created shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991."

SEC. 7. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,