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House Bill No. 5616

Introduced by Representative Victor A. Yap

EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the most important role of the State is to protect the being and welfare of its citizens. People surrendered some of their rights to the government to be under its care. In return, they expect the government to exercise every legal means within its mandate to protect its people. Article II, Section 4 of the 1987 Constitution clearly states that “the prime duty of the government is to serve and protect the people.”

The first months of Duterte administration has proven to be a successful campaign for public order. The number of crimes committed in the country dropped by 13% in 2016. Public perception has also improved. According to a Pulse Asia Survey, the Duterte administration attained the highest approval rating for its suppression of criminality. 84% or eight in 10 respondents commend the governments fight against crimes.

These results must only intensify our efforts. The Philippine National Police with its 160,000 strong personnel needs every help it can get to maintain peace and public order. A ratio of 40 citizens to 1 policeman is still less than ideal. We must ensure that there is always something more for our people.

This bill seeks to establish a Barangay Community Peace and Order Council in every Barangay in the country. This council will help the Philippine National Police in crime prevention and implementation of national and local programs that are beneficial to the community. Further, the Council shall also be responsible in assisting City and Municipal Local Government Units in handling peace and order, particularly drugs, crime prevention, resolving traffic and disaster management.

This Bill is a counter-part in the House of Representatives of House Bill No. 337 filed by Senator JV Ejercito.

In the interest of justice and public order, support for the passage and approval of this legislation is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
CREATING BARANGAY COMMUNITY PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL FOR THE
UTILIZATION OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND ITS CONSTITUENTS IN CRIME
PREVENTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. This Act shall also be known as the “**Barangay Community Peace and
Order Council Act of 2017**”

Section 2. Declaration of Policy - It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to
promote peace and order, ensure public safety and further strengthen local government capability
in the effective delivery of the basic service to its people. Towards this end, the State shall
bolster a system of participation and cooperation among the Citizenry in crime prevention
particularly down to the Barangay level.

Section 3. Coverage - This shall apply to all barangay in all cities, municipalities and
provinces.

**Section 4. Creation and Composition of Barangay Community Peace and Order
Council** - Every barangay shall organize a Barangay Community Peace and Order Council to
serve as primary government institution that prevents and suppresses criminality and maintains
public order and safety in the community level. Such unit shall be composed of the following
members:

1. The Punong Barangay as Chairperson;
2. The Sanggunian Barangay Member, who chairs the Committee on Peace and Order,
as Vice Chairperson;
3. The Barangay Secretary;

4. The Chairperson of the Sangguniang Kabataan;
5. One (1) representative from the Lupon Tagapamayapa;
6. At least three (3) representatives from the private sector who shall be appointed by the Chairperson, representing academic, civic and religious organizations;
7. At least one (1) PNP Officer designated by the Municipal/City Chief of Police; and
8. All barangay tanods.

As may be necessary or depending upon the need and situation in the community, the Punong Barangay, in his capacity as Chairman, may appoint additional Sectional Representatives.

Section 5. Responsibility of Barangay Peace and Order Unit – The Barangay Community Peace and order Unit shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

1. Formulated the Barangay Community Peace and Order Plan, which shall be incorporated in the Barangay Development Plan, and recommend measures to improve or enhance peace and order and public safety in the community;
2. Monitor and coordinate with the Local Government Unit (LGU) concerned, Philippine National Police (PNP) , Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), City and Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) in the implementation of peace and order programs and projects at the Barangay level;
3. Serve as an information-gathering mechanism and maintain profile of all residents in the Barangay;
4. Monitor and check the nefarious activities of criminal elements;
5. Identify barangay constituents with strong deviant behavior for referral to appropriate authorities;
6. Maintain continuing dialogue, close coordination and rapport with the higher levels of the peace and order councils and law enforcement units;
7. Monitor, coordinate and supervise the operation of all community-based anti-crime movements within the barangay;
8. Make periodic assessment of the prevailing peace and order situation in their respective areas of responsibility and submit report within appropriate recommendations to the higher level Peace and Order Council and;
9. Recommend purchase of equipment and other materials necessary for the discharge of their duties and functions;
10. Perform such other functions which may be assigned by the city, municipal, provincial and/or national government agencies.

1 **Section 6. Funding** – The Sangguniang Barangay shall allocate at least five percent (5%)
2 of the barangay’s total budget appropriation to fund the implementation of the Community Peace
3 and Order Program.

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5 **Section 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The Local Government Unit
6 concerned together with the Philippine National Police and other barangay-based organizations
7 shall issue an appropriate implementing rules and regulations to carry out the objectives of this
8 bill.

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10 **Section 8. Repealing Clause.** - All prior issuances on the organization and functions of
11 the Barangay Community Peace and Order Council inconsistent herewith shall be deemed
12 superseded.

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14 **Section 9. Effectivity** – The Barangay Peace and Order Unit as herein provided shall
15 take effect immediately and be completed within thirty (30) days thereafter.

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17 *Adopted,*