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Introduced by **MAGDALO Party-List Representative**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

A large percentage of business operations in the Philippines are considered as small and medium scale enterprises. However, when compared with large corporations, they are heavily disadvantaged because of the stiff competition, the disparity in starting capital, expendable resources, products, and other services.

Thus, this bill seeks to establish Business One-Stop Shops (BOSS) Centers that will cater to the varied needs of small and medium enterprises and help them compete with mega corporations that command the market. Such centers will also provide other auxiliary services, including: information and referrals needed for a firm, project monitoring research, policy studies, and information dissemination campaigns.

If big businesses are considered the heart of the Philippine economy, then SMEs, this representation is convinced, are the vessels that bring critical goods and services closer to the Filipino home. Empowering our aspiring entrepreneurs would yield significant benefits to the overall health of our economy and is expected to bring scores of people out of poverty.

Let us support Filipino perseverance and ingenuity.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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2 **SEC. 5. Additional Functions of the SMED Council.**—Aside from its mandated functions,
3 the SMED Council shall have the following additional functions:

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5 a. Act as a coordinating body for the participating agencies in the BOSS Center;
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7 b. The SMED Council shall formulate criteria for selection and prioritization of the
8 establishment of each BOSS Center, taking into consideration existing businesses and
9 similar centers in the area;
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11 c. Prepare quarterly status reports of major issues that shall be made available to all
12 interested parties;
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14 d. Promulgate such rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation
15 of this Act;
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17 e. Prepare feasibility studies of existing as well as possible industries in the
18 Philippines that can help entrepreneurs decide on what business to venture into;
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20 f. Monitor and collate economic, technical, and industry research output of all
21 government agencies that has reference to business enterprise, as well as to investors in the
22 country; and
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24 g. Generally, exercise all powers and functions necessary to achieve the objectives
25 and purposes of this Act.
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27 **SEC. 6. Functions of the BOSS Centers.**—Each BOSS Center shall function as a one-stop
28 shop center offering the following services:

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30 a. Accept and act on all registration applications for SMEs;
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32 b. Provide entrepreneur and aspiring entrepreneurs with all the necessary government
33 agencies for registration up to the last requirement needed in setting up a business, thereby
34 facilitating the processing of all documentary requirements for the establishment of a
35 business enterprises in the country;

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2 c. Provide information and referral services it shall deem useful necessary, on
3 essential to small and medium entrepreneurs and prospective entrepreneurs;

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5 d. Establishing a databank which shall be a source of all information necessary for
6 project monitoring, research and policy studies and information dissemination campaigns;

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8 e. Act as coordinating center for activities and programs for SMEs;

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10 f. Provide local and international networks and linkages for SME development;

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12 g. Supply information and services in training, financing, marketing and technology
13 transfer to SMEs; and

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15 h. Conduct other programs or projects for entrepreneurial development in the
16 country.

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18 **SEC. 7. *Composition of the BOSS Center.***—The following government agencies are
19 mandated to detail representatives of appropriate rank and sufficient authority and capacity to give
20 information assistance as well as having discretion to act on pertinent applications at each BOSS
21 Center:

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23 a. Local Government Unit in areas concerned;

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25 b. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI);

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27 c. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC);

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29 d. Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR);

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31 e. Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE);

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33 f. Social Security System (SSS); and

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35 g. Cooperative Development Authority (CDA).

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2 When necessary, the SMED Council may require the detail of appropriate personnel of other
3 government agencies which may support the purposes and objectives of this Act. Government
4 personnel assigned or detailed at each BOSS center shall receive reasonable honoraria, subject to
5 existing laws and regulation.
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7 **SEC. 8. *BOSS Secretariat.***—A Secretariat shall be organized by the corporate entity
8 organized to manage each BOSS Center. The Secretariat shall have the following duties and
9 functions:
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- 11 a. Facilitate and administer the day-to-day operations of the BOSS center;
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- 13 b. Act as an information officers on matters relevant to the interest of SMEs;
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- 15 c. Act as coordinator for activities of the BOSS Center;
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- 17 d. Render a yearly report and accounting of funds to the SMED Council; and
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- 19 e. Perform other duties and functions assigned to it by SMED Council.
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21 **SEC. 9. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.***—Within ninety (90) days from the approval
22 of this Act, the SMED Council in consultations with the appropriate agencies shall promulgate the
23 rules and regulations to implement the provision of this Act. Such rules and regulations shall take
24 effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.
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26 **SEC. 10. *Pilot Project.***—To test the feasibility of its corporate, structure, institutional
27 linkages and arrangements as well as funding needs and requirements, the SMED Council is
28 authorized to initiate pilot BOSS Center projects in partnership with private sector groups,
29 industries or associations or other government agencies or offices.
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31 **SEC. 11. *Funding Sources.***—BOSS Centers shall be qualified recipients of funding from
32 the Department of Trade and Industry, the Cooperative Development Authority, from
33 Congressional Initiatives Country Development Funds and other government fund through line
34 agencies to undertake activities similar to those of the BOSS Centers.
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1 **SEC. 12. *Separability Clause.***—If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
2 unconstitutional; the remaining provision not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and
3 effect.

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5 **SEC. 13. *Repealing Clause.***—All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and all other
6 issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
7 accordingly.

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9 **SEC. 5. *Effectivity.***—This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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