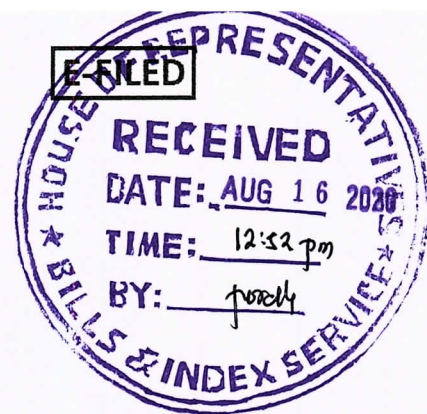




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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2 The Covid19 pandemic has brought many challenges to our students, learners, and
3 professionals, with respect to their education and career development. Nowadays, internet
4 connectivity has become an essential commodity in order for one to be updated and
5 knowledgeable of the current events.

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7 However, despite the enhancement in technology and internet connectivity, many
8 places in our country do not have free access to the internet. This measure proposes the
9 creation of barangay internet hubs in every barangay that will provide the free use of electronic
10 gadgets and internet connectivity for learning and professional enhancement and
11 development.

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13 In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.
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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE BARANGAY INTERNET HUBS THAT WILL PROVIDE FREE
INTERNET FOR LEARNERS AND PROFESSIONALS.

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** - This Act shall be known as “*Barangay Internet Hubs Act.*”
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3 **SECTION. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is the policy of the State to provide its citizens free
4 internet in order to help them have access to learning, education, news, and to help them in their
5 professional and career development and enhancement.
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7 **SECTION. 3. *Barangay Internet Hubs.*** – It is hereby created the barangay internet hubs in
8 every barangay that will provide electronic gadgets and internet access, such as, but not limited to
9 Wireless Fidelity or “WiFi”, to be used for free.

10 The free use of electronic gadgets and internet access provided for by the barangay internet
11 hubs shall be for the purposes of learning, work related, and professional development and
12 enhancement of its residents.
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14 **SECTION. 4. *Existing Barangay Learning Hubs.*** – For barangays that have an existing
15 barangay learning hub created by ordinance, the free use of electronic gadgets and internet access
16 under this Act shall be designated in such barangay learning hub, which shall be also considered as a
17 barangay internet hub.
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1 **SECTION. 5. *Appropriation.*** - The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this
2 Act shall be charged to the annual appropriations of the local government units.

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4 **SECTION. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days after the
5 effectivity of this Act, Secretary of Interior and Local Government and Secretary of Information and
6 Communications Technology shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
7 implementation of this Act.

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9 **SECTION. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and
10 regulations, guidelines or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
11 hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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13 **SECTION. 8. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
14 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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16 Approved,