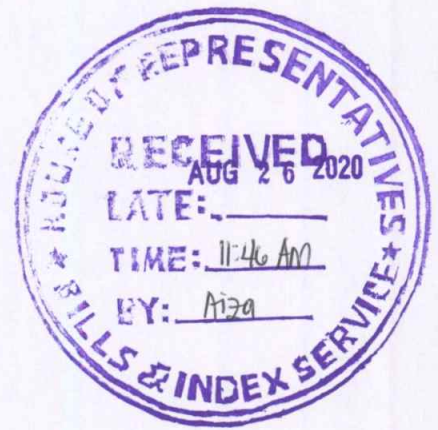


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

As a member state of the United Nations, the Philippines is a signatory in adopting the 17 Goals for Sustainable Development, aimed to call for a concerted world effort towards building an inclusive, sustainable, and resilient future for the people and planet.¹ It aims to promote the attainment of the 17 Goals by the year 2030, and provides a framework to harmonize the three core elements on sustainable development: economic growth, social inclusion and environmental protection.²

This bill seeks to establish the Sustainable Development Goals Council of the Philippines, under the National Economic and Development Authority. The SDG Council should be the governing body in ensuring that our targets in achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals are being met, and the capacity development of the different national agencies and local government units in integrating the SDGs in their policies, plans and programs.

Furthermore, this bill will institutionalize a recognition system for Local Government Units who will be more proactive in incorporating the SDGs in their local policies, plans and programs, which will ultimately benefit the whole country in terms of eradicating poverty, raising the standard of living of everyone, inclusive overall growth, and sustainable management of our natural resources.

In view of the foregoing premises, the prompt approval of this measure is earnestly sought and recommended.

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¹ *What is Sustainable Development?*, United Nations (un.org)

² *Ibid.*

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13 **AN ACT CREATING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG)**
14 **COUNCIL OF THE PHILIPPINES, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,**
15 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

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20 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** — This Act shall be known as the “Sustainable
21 Development Goals Council Act”.

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23 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** — in line with the United Nation’s call to
24 action on its member states, it is hereby declared the policy of the State to adopt and
25 recognize the Sustainable Development Goals as a core framework on the creation of its
26 policies, budgets, institutional and regulatory frameworks of the national and local
27 governments.

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29 **SECTION 3. Creation of the Sustainable Development Goals Council of the**
30 **Philippines.** — To carry out the provisions of this Act, there is hereby created a Sustainable
31 Development Goals (SDG) Council of the Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the Council,
32 under the National Economic and Development Authority.

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34 **SECTION 4. Powers and Functions.** — The Council shall have the following
35 powers and functions:

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37 1. To establish and implement an Evaluation System in accordance with the
38 criteria set forth in this Act;

39 2. To develop and implement an incentive and reward system, based on
40 merit, to encourage the establishment of private sector and local government
41 programs that aid in the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals;

42 3. To establish, organize, operate and maintain local exhibitions, seminars,
43 and similar activities;

44 4. To prescribe the procedures for the exercise of its powers and functions
45 as well as the performance of its duties and responsibilities;

46 5. To be authorized as the coordinating body of the Government to
47 consolidate and record the whole of nation approach in attaining the Sustainable
48 Development Goals; and

49 6. To perform such other functions as may be necessary to carry out the
50 provisions of this Act.

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52 **SECTION 5. *Composition of the Council.*** — The Council shall be composed of a
53 Chairperson and seven (7) members, five (5) of whom shall be regular members, while the
54 other two (2) members shall be in an ex-officio capacity.
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56 The Chair shall be The Secretary of the National Economic and Development
57 Authority or his/her duly designated representative.
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59 The five (5) regular members who shall be regular members of the Council are the
60 following:

61 1. The Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her duly designated
62 representative;

63 2. The Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management or his/her
64 duly designated representative;

65 3. The Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government or
66 his/her duly designated representative

67 4. The Chairman of League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) or his/her
68 duly designated representative;

69 5. The Chairman of League of Mayors of the Philippines (LMP) or his/her
70 duly designated representative;
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72 The two (2) members who shall be ex-officio members of the Council are the
73 following:

74 1. The Secretary of the Mindanao Development Authority or his/her duly
75 designated representative;

76 2. The Prime Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Regional
77 Government or his/her duly designated representative.
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79 **SECTION 6. *Meetings.*** — The Council shall meet regularly at least every quarter or
80 as often as necessary at as decided by the council. A majority of the members of the Council
81 shall constitute a quorum to do business. The members of the Council shall be entitled to
82 honoraria based on existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
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84 **SECTION 7. *The Sustainable Development Goals Evaluation System.*** — The
85 Council shall formulate and establish a set of standards and criteria and procedures for the
86 Sustainable Development Goals Evaluation System, subject to the approval of the Council,
87 based on the categories, criteria, and parameters set forth by the Sustainable Development
88 Goals.
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90 **SECTION 8. *Recognition and Awarding of Local Government SDG Programs.*** —
91 The Sustainable Development Goals Evaluation System shall be used to assess programs of
92 the Local Government Units being implemented in pursuit of the Sustainable Development
93 Goals. Local Government Units who have attained the highest score in the evaluation system
94 shall be recognized annually and awarded both a plaque of recognition and monetary award
95 to the LGU.
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97 **SECTION 9. *Funding.*** — The amount required for the operational expense of the
98 council and the implementation of this act shall be provided for in the following General
99 Appropriations Act upon ratification into law.
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SECTION 10. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — The Sustainable Development Goals Council shall, within ninety (90) days after the approval of this Act, issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions hereof.

SECTION 11. *Annual Report.* — The Council shall, within ninety (90) days after the end of every fiscal year, submit to Sustainable Development Goals Committee in the House of Representatives an annual report on its compliance with, or accomplishments under this Act, together with its plans and recommendations to improve and develop its capability under this Act.

SECTION 12. *Repealing Clause.* — All other laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. *Separability Clause.* — If, for any reason, any provision of this Act, or any part thereof, is declared invalid or unconstitutional, all other sections or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 14. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette and two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,