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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 13, Article II of the Constitution provides, “the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.” As such, in order to encourage youth participation in nation-building, the Local Government Code of 1991 mandated the creation of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) for this purpose. However, many view that the SK is not effective in advancing and encouraging youth-leadership in governance.

In order to express its support to youth-participation, and to offer them a stronger voice in the government, certain reforms were introduced in 2015 thru Republic Act No. 10742 or the “Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015” in order to provide our youth a more productive and dynamic participation in governance not only to train them as future leaders of the country but as well as to ensure that the challenges faced by our youth will be addressed appropriately by the government.

This proposed measure further empowers our youth thru the introduction of amendments to RA 10742 which provides Filipino youth the opportunity to steer the wheel towards our country’s development. Among the amendments proposed herein are: (1) provides additional qualifications for the SK Treasurer to ensure competence; (2) provides concrete guidelines on how SK funds may be used; (3) grants certain privileges

to SK Officials such as exemption from NSTP and entitlement to appropriate Civil Service Eligibility; (4) formulate their internal rules; (5) appointment of a Local Youth Development Officer in every province, city or municipality; (6) mandate LGUs to appropriate no less than 1% of their annual budget for the Local Youth Development Office, and; (7) grants a monthly honorarium to SK members, secretaries, and treasurers chargeable against SK Funds, subject to guidelines issued by the DBM.

To end, let me quote the late United Nations (U.N.) Secretary General Kofi Annan with regard the importance and relevance of youth participation development. He said, “Young people should be at the forefront of global change and innovation. Empowered, they can be key agents for development and peace. If, however, they are left on society’s margins, all of us will be impoverished.”

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



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AN ACT
STRENGTHENING THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN BY INSTITUTIONALIZING
ADDITIONAL REFORMS TO REVITALIZE YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNANCE,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 8 of Republic Act 10742, otherwise known as the “Sangguniang
2 Kabataan Reform Act of 2015”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 “Sec. 8. Powers and Functions of the Sangguniang Kabataan – The Sangguniang
4 Kabataan shall:

5 (a) x x x;

6 (e) Hold fund-raising activities which are in line with the Comprehensive 7 Barangay
7 Youth Development Plan, the proceeds of which shall be tax-exempt and shall accrue
8 to the general fund of the Sangguniang Kabataan: *Provided, however,* That in the
9 appropriation thereof, the specific purpose for which such activity has been held shall
10 be first satisfied: *Provided, further,* That any appropriation thereof shall be in
11 accordance with existing applicable budget, accounting and auditing rules and
12 regulations, **SUCH AS THOSE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND**
13 **MANAGEMENT (DBM) AND THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA);**

14 **(J) WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THEIR ASSUMPTION TO OFFICE, THE SANGGUNIANG**
15 **KABATAAN SHALL: 1) FORMULATE AND APPROVE ITS INTERNAL RULES AND**

1 **PROCEDURES; 2) APPOINT ITS SECRETARY AND TREASURER AND; 3) SET THE**
2 **SCHEDULE OF REGULAR SK MEETINGS AND KK ASSEMBLIES; AND**

3 ~~HH~~ **(K)** Exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be
4 prescribed by law or ordinance, or delegated by the Sangguniang Barangay or the
5 Commission.

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7 **SEC. 2.** Section 10 of Republic Act No. 10742 is hereby further amended to read as
8 follows:

9 “SEC. 10. Qualifications. – An official of the Sangguniang Kabataan, either [elective]
10 **ELECTED** or [appointee] **APPOINTED** must be a citizen of the Philippines, a
11 qualified voter of the Katipunan ng Kabataan, a resident of the barangay for not
12 less than one (1) year immediately preceding the day of the elections, at least
13 eighteen (18) years but not more than twenty-four (24) years of age on the day of
14 the elections, able to read and write Filipino, English, or the local dialect, must not
15 be related within the second civil degree of consanguinity or affinity to
16 any incumbent elected national official or to any incumbent elected regional,
17 provincial, city, municipal, or barangay official, in the locality where he or she
18 seeks to be elected, and must not have been convicted by final judgment of any
19 crime involving moral turpitude: **PROVIDED, THAT THE SANGGUNIANG**
20 **KABATAAN TREASURER MUST BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS BUT NOT**
21 **MORE THAN THIRTY (30) YEARS OF AGE ON THE DAY OF THE**
22 **APPOINTMENT: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE SANGGUNIANG**
23 **KABATAAN CHAIRPERSON SHALL APPOINT A TREASURER WITH AN**
24 **EDUCATIONAL, AND/OR CAREER BACKGROUND RELATING TO BUSINESS**
25 **ADMINISTRATION, ACCOUNTANCY, FINANCE, ECONOMICS, OR**
26 **BOOKKEEPING: PROVIDED, FURTHERMORE, THAT ONLY IF NO PERSON**
27 **MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS CAN THE SK CHAIRPERSON CONSIDER OTHER**
28 **SUITABLE NOMINEES: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT APPOINTED SK**
29 **TREASURERS SHALL UNDERGO A MANDATORY BOOKKEEPING TRAINING**
30 **FROM AND BE DULY CERTIFIED BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND**
31 **SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) BEFORE ASSUMPTION OF**
32 **OFFICE: PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT THE APPOINTED SK TREASURERS**

1 **SHALL BE PRIORITIZED IN THE ALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATE TESDA**
2 **SCHOLARSHIP.”**

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4 **SEC. 3.** Sec. 15 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

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6 “SEC. 15. Sangguniang Kabataan Treasurer. – The Sangguniang Kabataan
7 treasurer, **WHO SHALL BE A BONDED OFFICER**, shall:

8 “x x x.”

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10 **SEC. 4.** Section 16 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 “SEC. 16. Privileges of Sangguniang Kabataan Officials. – (a) All
12 Sangguniang Kabataan officials in good standing, whether elected or appointed,
13 shall, during their incumbency:

14 “(1) x x x;

15 “(2) BE EXEMPT FROM TAKING ANY OF THE COMPONENTS OF THE NATIONAL
16 SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM (NSTP);

17 “x x x;

18 ~~“(5) The Sangguniang Kabataan chairperson shall have the same privileges~~
19 ~~enjoyed by other Sangguniang Barangay officials under this Act subject to such~~
20 ~~requirements and limitations provided herein;]~~

21 **“(6) THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE**
22 **SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN TREASURER AND SECRETARY, SHALL RECEIVE A**
23 **MONTHLY HONORARIUM, CHARGEABLE AGAINST THE SANGGUNIANG**
24 **KABATAAN FUNDS, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER COMPENSATION**
25 **PROVIDED BY THIS ACT AND SHALL BE GRANTED AT THE END OF EVERY**
26 **REGULAR MONTHLY SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN MEETING: PROVIDED,**
27 **THAT THE MONTHLY HONORARIUM SHALL NOT EXCEED THE MONTHLY**
28 **COMPENSATION RECEIVED BY THEIR SK CHAIRPERSON: PROVIDED,**
29 **FURTHER, THAT NOT MORE THAN 25% OF THE SANGUNNIANG**
30 **KABATAAN FUNDS SHALL BE ALLOCATED FOR PERSONNELSERVICES. THE**
31 **DBM SHALL ISSUE THE NECESSARY GUIDELINES IMPLEMENTING THIS**
32 **PROVISION.**

1 **"THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL**
2 **HONORARIUM AS WELL AS SOCIAL WELFARE CONTRIBUTIONS AND**
3 **HAZARD PAY TO THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN CHAIRPERSON AND THE**
4 **ELECTED AND APPOINTED MEMBERS THROUGH THEIR OWN LOCAL**
5 **ORDINANCES: PROVIDED, THAT THE HONORARIUM AS STATED IN THIS**
6 **SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE POST-AUDIT JURISDICTION OF THE**
7 **COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA);**

8 “(7) BE ENTITLED TO APPROPRIATE CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY, PURSUANT
9 TO RULES AND REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:
10 PROVIDED, THAT THE SK OFFICIAL HAS RENDERED THEIR FULL TERM OF
11 OFFICE; AND

12 “(8) The Sangguniang Kabataan Chairperson shall have the same privileges
13 enjoyed by other Sangguniang Barangay officials under this Act subject to such
14 requirements and limitations provided herein.”

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16 **SEC. 5.** Section 19 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

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18 "SEC. 19. Succession and Filling up of Vacancies. – (a) In case a Sangguniang
19 Kabataan chairperson refuses to assume office, fails to qualify, voluntarily resigns,
20 dies, is permanently incapacitated, is removed from office, the Sangguniang
21 Kabataan member who obtained the highest number of votes in the election
22 immediately preceding shall assume the office of the chairperson, for the
23 unexpired portion of his or her term. In case said member refuses to assume
24 the position or fails to qualify, the Sangguniang Kabataan member obtaining
25 the next highest number of votes shall assume the position of the chairperson
26 for the unexpired portion of the term: **PROVIDED, THAT, IF THE REASON FOR**
27 **THE VACANCY DOES NOT FALL UNDER THE CONDITIONS STATED**
28 **ABOVE, THE MAYOR OF THE CONCERNED BARANGAY SHALL APPOINT AN**
29 **OFFICER-IN-CHARGE (OIC) FROM A LIST OF AT LEAST THREE (3) NOMINEES**
30 **AS SUBMITTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN MEMBERS: PROVIDED,**
31 **FURTHER, THAT THE APPOINTED OIC MUST MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS**
32 **SET UNDER SECTION 10 OF THIS ACT.**

33 "x x x."

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2 **SEC. 6.** Section 20 of Republic Act 10742 is hereby further amended to read as
3 follows:

4 “SEC. 20. Sangguniang Kabataan Funds. – The Sangguniang Kabataan funds shall
5 be governed by the following provisions:

6 “(a) All the income of the barangay derived from whatever source shall accrue to
7 its general fund and all, at the option of the barangay concerned, be kept as trust
8 fund in the custody of the city or municipal treasurer or be disposed in a bank
9 preferably government-owned, situated in or nearest to its area of jurisdiction.
10 Such funds shall be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of this Act. Ten
11 percent (10%) of the general fund of the barangay shall be set aside for the
12 Sangguniang Kabataan. The Sangguniang Barangay shall appropriate the
13 Sangguniang Kabataan funds in lump-sum which shall be disbursed ~~[solely]~~ for
14 youth development and empowerment purposes;

15 “(b) xxx;

16 “(c) All Sangguniang Kabataan funds shall be allocated in an annual budget,
17 and if the funds allow, in a supplemental budget in accordance with the adopted
18 Annual Barangay Investment Program. Both the Comprehensive Barangay Youth
19 Development Plan and Annual Barangay Investment Program shall give priority
20 to programs, projects and activities that will promote and ~~[ensure the equitable~~
21 ~~access to quality education, environmental protection, climate change~~
22 ~~adaptation, disaster risk reduction and resiliency, youth employment and~~
23 ~~livelihood, health and anti-drug abuse, gender sensitivity, sports development,~~
24 ~~and capability building — which emphasizes leadership training; and]~~ **ATTAIN**

25 **THE THRUSTS OF THE PHILIPPINE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUCH AS**
26 **HEALTH, EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, GLOBAL MOBILITY, ACTIVE**
27 **CITIZENSHIP, GOVERNANCE, SOCIAL EQUITY AND INCLUSION, PEACE-**
28 **BUILDING AND SECURITY, AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT, SUCH AS:**

29 **“(1) STUDENT STIPENDS, FOOD, BOOK AND TRANSPORTATION**
30 **ALLOWANCES, AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**
31 **THAT WILL REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF OUT-OF- SCHOOL YOUTH AND**
32 **DROP-OUTS**

1 “(2) SPORTS AND WELLNESS PROJECTS TO ADDRESS PHYSICAL AND
2 MENTAL HEALTH, TEENAGE PREGNANCY, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND OTHER
3 HEALTH ISSUES;

4 “(3) SKILLS TRAINING, SUMMER EMPLOYMENT, CASH-FOR-WORK, ON-THE-
5 JOB TRAINING, AND LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE;

6 “(4) PROJECTS PROMOTING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE YOUTH AND
7 THEIR INITIATION IN AGRICULTURAL, FISHERY, AND FORESTRY
8 ENTERPRISES;

9 “(5) PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES THAT WILL LOCATE THE YOUTH AT THE
10 FOREFRONT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION
11 EFFORTS, AND ENLIST THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN CALAMITY PREPAREDNESS,
12 INFORMATION DISSEMINATION AND OTHER DISASTER-RELATED
13 ACTIVITIES; AND

14 “(6) CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION AND
15 LEADERSHIP, AND VALUES EDUCATION;

16 “(7) PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES THAT ADDRESS CONTEXT-SPECIFIC
17 AND INTERSECTIONAL VULNERABILITIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

18 “(d) xxx; AND

19 “(e) THE SK MAY SET ASIDE AN AMOUNT FOR THE SK MANDATORY AND
20 CONTINUING TRAININGS TO COMPLEMENT THE TRAINING FUND
21 HEREIN PROVIDED UNDER SEC. 29. THE TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED
22 FOR TRAINING SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) OF
23 THE SK FUND. THE SK MAY ALSO CONSULT NON-GOVERNMENTAL
24 ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs) AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSOs)
25 ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION IN THE
26 DEVELOPMENT OF MANDATORY PROGRAMS AND TRAININGS FOR ITS
27 OFFICIALS.”

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29 **SEC. 7.** Section 21 of Republic Act 10742 is hereby further amended to read as
30 follows:

31 “SEC. 21. Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan. – (a) There shall be an
32 organization of the Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan
33 to be known as follows:

1 “(1) x x x

2 “(3) x x x

3 **“(D) DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE SK PEDERASYON. – THE SK**
4 **PEDERASYON AND THE LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LYDC)**
5 **SHALL DRAFT THE LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LYDP). THE**
6 **PEDERASYON AND THE LYDC SHALL CONVENE QUARTERLY TO ENSURE**
7 **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LYDP AND ALIGNMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE**
8 **BARANGAY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND ANNUAL**
9 **BARANGAY YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAM TO THE LYDP. THE**
10 **PEDERASYON SHALL ALSO CASCADE INFORMATION AND FACILITATE**
11 **KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER TO THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCALITIES.**

12 **“(E) THE PRESIDENTS OF THE PANLALAWIGANG PEDERASYON NG MGA**
13 **SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN AND THE PRESIDENTS OF THE PANLUNGSOD NA**
14 **PEDERSAYON NG MGA SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OF HIGHLY URBANIZED**
15 **CITIES AND INDEPENDENT COMPONENT CITIES SHALL ELECT, AMONG**
16 **THEMSELVES, ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE FROM LUZON, ONE (1)**
17 **REPRESENTATIVE FROM VISAYAS, AND ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE FROM**
18 **MINDANAO TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL CREATED**
19 **UNDER SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8044 OR THE ‘YOUTH IN NATION-**
20 **BUILDING ACT’.”**

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22 **SEC. 8.** Insert a new Section 23 of Republic Act No. 10742 to read as follows:

23 **“SEC. 23. MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION. – THE**
24 **PRESIDENTS OF THE PANLALAWIGANG PEDERASYON NG MGA**
25 **SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN AND THE PRESIDENTS OF THE PANLUNGSOD NA**
26 **PEDERSAYON NG MGA SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OF HIGHLY URBANIZED**
27 **CITIES AND INDEPENDENT COMPONENT CITIES SHALL ELECT, AMONG**
28 **THEMSELVES, A REPRESENTATIVE WHO SHALL SIT AS AN EX-OFFICIO**
29 **MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION, CONSISTENT WITH**
30 **SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8044, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘YOUTH**
31 **IN NATION BUILDING ACT’.”**

1 **SEC. 9.** Section 25 of Republic Act 10742 is hereby further amended to read as
2 follows:

3 “SEC. 25. Creation. – There shall be in every province, city, and municipality a
4 Youth Development Office which shall be headed by a youth development officer
5 with the rank of at least division chief. Such may be put under the Office of the
6 Local Chief Executive, the Office of the Planning and Development, the Office of the
7 Social Welfare, or in any other office deemed appropriate by the local
8 government unit. If the funds of the local government unit are sufficient, it can be
9 a separate department with divisions and units for policy and planning,
10 administration and finance, and programs and operations. In the event when the
11 local government unit has exceeded the prescribed personal services limitations,
12 the local chief executive may designate existing personnel whom he or she deems
13 fit to serve this purpose [~~until such time that the local government unit can already~~
14 ~~create this this office~~]: **PROVIDED, THAT A LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**
15 **OFFICER SHALL BE APPOINTED WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE**
16 **EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT.”**

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18 **SEC. 10.** Section 26 of Republic Act 10742 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 “SEC. 26. Funding. – **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT MAY APPROPRIATE NOT**
20 **LESS THAN 1% OF ITS ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE LOCAL YOUTH**
21 **DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, WHICH SHALL BE USED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION**
22 **OF THE LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN, CONVENING THE MEETINGS OF**
23 **THE CONCERNED PEDERASYON NG MGA SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN AND**
24 **LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AS WELL AS ITS OPERATIONS AND**
25 **EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING.”**

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27 **SEC. 11.** Section 28 of Republic Act No. 10742 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 “SEC 28. The Commission and the DILG with the assistance of the Development
29 Academy of the Philippines (DAP), the Local Government Academy (LGA), the
30 University of the Philippines-National College of Public Administration and
31 Governance (UP-NCPAG), and in consultation with youth stakeholders shall jointly
32 design and implement the mandatory and continuing training programs. The
33 mandatory training programs must include among others, the following

1 components: (a)(1) The Philippine cultural history, political systems ethics and
2 ideologies; (2) The Filipino as a nation builder (3) The Filipino youth and its role
3 in nation-building; and (b) capability building on leadership, program and project
4 development and sustainability, financial management, and accountability and
5 transparency.

6 **“THE COMMISSION AND THE DILG MAY ALSO COORDINATE WITH THE**
7 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DepEd), COMMISSION ON HIGHER**
8 **EDUCATION (CHED), AND TESDA, FOR THE OFFERING OF RELEVANT**
9 **COURSES THAT EMPHASIZE THE ROLE OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS**
10 **DEVELOPMENT IN NATION-BUILDING AND WOULD FURTHER ENHANCE**
11 **THE KNOWLEDGE, NETWORK, AND CAPACITY OF SANGGUNIANG**
12 **KABATAAN OFFICIALS AND LYDC MEMBERS TO CRAFT AND IMPLEMENT**
13 **RELEVANT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLANS.”**
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15 **SEC. 12. *Funding and Appropriations.*** – The amounts necessary to carry out the
16 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the Sangguniang Kabataan Funds or
17 as may be authorized by the local government units pursuant to Section 4 of this Act.
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19 **SEC. 13. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Department of Interior and
20 Local Government (DILG), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the
21 Commission on Elections (COMELEC), the National Youth Commission (NYC), and other
22 concerned government agencies shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and
23 regulations within sixty (60) days upon the effectivity of this Act.
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25 **SEC. 14. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or
26 unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full
27 force and effect.
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29 **SEC. 15. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, executive orders or rules and
30 regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed
31 or modified accordingly.
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1 **SEC. 16. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of the general circulation.

Approved,