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HOUSE BILL NO. 1778



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVES EDDIEBONG G. PLAZA** and
ALFEL M. BASCUG

Explanatory Note

Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991” recognizes the vital role of barangays in nation-building. As the primary planning and implementing units of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities at the community level, barangays are crucial forums where community views are expressed, considered, and disputes are amicably settled.

Given their immediate and direct access to the needs of the people, barangay local government units are vital bridges for enhancing the delivery of essential services at the grassroots level. It is therefore important to empower barangays so they can become more effective and efficient partners in building self-reliant and progressive communities.

Barangay Mabuhay is a special barangay in the Municipality of Loreto. At present, it relies heavily on financial assistance and availability of funds from the municipal government. This dependency limits its ability to implement its own development programs and exercise self-determination.

This measure seeks to establish Barangay Mabuhay as a regular and independent barangay, capable of exercising local governance and addressing the needs of its constituents.

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

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**“AN ACT
CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MABUHAY IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF LORETO, AGUSAN DEL SUR”**

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

SECTION 1. *Creation of Barangay Mabuhay.* – Mabuhay in Barangay Kauswagan, Municipality of Loreto, Agusan del Sur is hereby separated from Barangay Kauswagan and constituted into a new barangay to be known as Barangay Mabuhay.

The technical description of Barangay Mabuhay shall be as follows:

		TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (UTM ZONE 51 N)	
BARANGAY	CORNER NO.	EAST	NORTH
Mabuhay	1	810465.174	882799.553
	2	806125.550	883146.665
	3	804986.974	881889.865
	4	802092.944	880454.551
	5	802872.799	878861.636
	6	805674.261	878839.702

SECTION 2. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.* – Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the new barangay shall exist upon the majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters of Barangay Kauswagan, Municipality of Loreto in a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in the area affected, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 3. *Barangay Officials.* – The first set of officials of the said Barangay shall be appointed by the Municipal Mayor of Loreto, Agusan del Sur and shall hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities.* – All existing public infrastructure and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation and shall be administered by the new barangay.

SECTION 5. *Internal Revenue Allotment Shares.* – Barangay Mabuhay shall be entitled to the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

SECTION 6. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to conduct the plebiscite as provided for under this Act shall be borne by the Municipality of Loreto, Agusan del Sur.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.