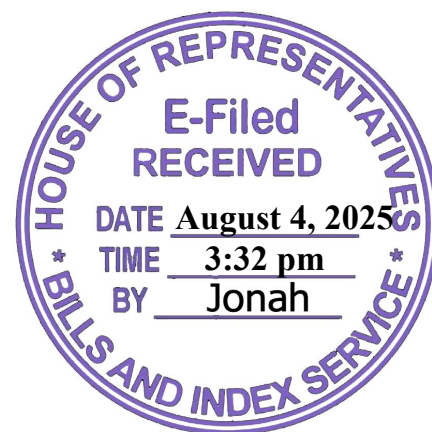


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HOUSE BILL NO. 2941



Introduced by **HON. JORGE DANIEL S. BOCOBO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

For many barangays, the National Tax Allotment (formerly the Internal Revenue Allotment) is the primary and largest source of operating revenue for financing basic services, development projects, and various devolved functions. These include among others, the delivery of basic health and social services, maintenance of local roads and utilities, support for public order and safety, and management of community facilities. Given the central role of the NTA in sustaining these legally mandated services and related budgetary obligations, it is urgent that Barangay Fort Bonifacio (Taguig City) receives its full and properly computed share in national taxes.

Barangay Fort Bonifacio, with a land area of 465.3 hectares and a population of approximately 20,000¹, was established pursuant to City Ordinance No. 68-2008 enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Taguig and approved on September 15, 2008. Following the conduct of a plebiscite and the election of its first set of officials on October 25, 2010, the barangay began to operate as a distinct corporate entity, consistent with Section 14 of the Local Government Code.

Despite its formal creation and compliance with the legal requisites for barangayhood under Section 386 of the Local Government Code, Barangay Fort Bonifacio has yet to receive its NTA.

As former Barangay Chairman of Barangay Fort Bonifacio in Taguig City, I saw firsthand the difficulties of managing a fast-growing community without its proper share of the NTA. Barangay Fort Bonifacio, which includes Bonifacio Global City (BGC), now a premier central business district in Metro Manila, caters to hundreds of thousands of office workers, residents, and shoppers each day. Bonifacio High Street alone draws an estimated 156,000 daily visitors. Considering this landscape, Barangay Fort Bonifacio urgently needs its fair share of the NTA to fund robust public-order and safety programs, coordinated traffic and pedestrian systems, and streamlined business-friendly services—ensuring the business district and the surrounding barangay remains secure, navigable, and economically vibrant.

This proposal seeks to correct an administrative gap and ensure that Barangay Fort Bonifacio is granted full fiscal recognition as a local government unit so it can deliver

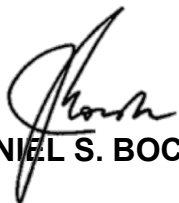
¹ based on the official website of Barangay Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) 2024 Census of Population (POPCEN) data pegs population at 12,190.

the basic services and fund local projects for the benefit of its residents, workers, businesses, and visitors.

Geographically, Barangay Fort Bonifacio is bounded by J.P. Rizal Avenue Extension, Barangay West Rembo, South Cembo, Maricaban Creek, Forbes Park, Barangay Pembo, McKinley Hills Perimeter Fence, Megaworld Corporation, McKinley Road, Lawton Avenue, and the Manila Railroad Company—all within or adjacent to territories historically associated with boundary disputes in Metro Manila. Nonetheless, its recognition as a separate and functioning barangay under the jurisdiction of the City of Taguig has long been established.

No less than the 1987 Constitution mandates that “Local government units shall have a just share, as determined by law, in the national taxes which shall be automatically released to them.”

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


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AN ACT
CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY FORT BONIFACIO
IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA

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

SECTION 1. Creation of Barangay Fort Bonifacio. – Fort Bonifacio Proper in Barangay Western Bicutan, City of Taguig, Metro Manila is hereby separated from Barangay Western Bicutan and constituted into a distinct and independent barangay to be known as Barangay Fort Bonifacio.

SEC. 2. Territorial Boundaries. – The territorial boundaries of Barangay Fort Bonifacio shall consist of permanent natural boundaries identifies as follows:

"Bounded on the North and North East by J.P. Rizal Ave. Ext., swo-13-000338 amd. (Makati Cadastre) and Barangay West Rembo (Makati Cadastre);

On the North West, by South Cembo, Maricaban Creek and Forbes Park (Makati Cadastre);

On the East, by Barangay Pembo (Makati Cadastre) and the Mckinley Hills Perimeter Fence;

On the South, by Mega World Corp., Mckinley Road and Lawton Avenue; and On the West, by the Manila Railroad Company."

SEC. 3. Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite. – The plebiscite conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in Barangay Western Bicutan pursuant to City Ordinance No. 57, Series of 2008 of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Taguig, which ratified the creation of Barangay Fort Bonifacio as proclaimed by the City Board of Canvassers on December 28, 2008, shall serve as substantial compliance with the plebiscite requirement under Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991".

SEC. 4. Incumbent Barangay Officials. – The incumbent officials of Barangay Fort Bonifacio, City of Taguig shall continue to hold office until such time that their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 5. Public Infrastructure and Facilities. – All public infrastructure and facilities existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the new barangay.

SEC. 6. National Tax Allotment Shares. – Barangay Fort Bonifacio shall be entitled to the National Tax Allotment shares pursuant to Section 285 of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,