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Introduced by Representative EDGAR R. ERICE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

With its population of more than 14 million¹, Metro Manila is currently the 6th largest megacity in the world outranking Mumbai, Seoul, New York, Cairo, Osaka and Bangkok². Concomitant with this ever-growing sea of humanity, the metropolis is constantly besieged by such perennial problems as overpopulated slums, homelessness, traffic congestion, flash floods, pollution and urban blight. This is compounded by the limited ability of the agency presently tasked to coordinate the delivery of basic metro-wide services and facilities, hobbled by the fact that it cannot exercise the police power and other municipal powers traditionally wielded by its component local government units.

Metro Manila, or the National Capital Region (NCR), is the only region in the Philippines composed entirely of Highly Urbanized Cities (HUC)- a total of 16 HUC plus one independent municipality, Pateros. No other province or region in the country comes close to this level of urban fragmentation. Given this structure, it becomes increasingly evident that Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) should be restructured and empowered into a more authoritative institution- one with the legal and administrative capacity to implement and enforce a holistic, region-wide approach to the Metro's interconnected urban

¹ *Highlights of the National Capital Region (NCR) Population 2024 Census of Population (2025)*, The total population of the National Capital Region (NCR) as of July 1, 2024. PSA, Retrieved 06 August 2025 from <https://psa.gov.ph/content/highlights-national-capital-region-ncr-population-2024-census-population-2024-popcen>

² *Major Agglomerations of the World (2025)*. All urban agglomerations of the world with a population of 1 million inhabitants or more (reference date: 2025-01-01) Retrieved 06 August 2025 from <http://citypopulation.de/world/Agglomerations.html>

challenge. Unlike other regions where provincial governments oversee and harmonize policies across component cities, Metro Manila remains a patchwork of autonomous local governments, making reform both necessary and urgent if we are to act collectively and effectively.

As organized under Republic Act No. 7924, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority is confined only to strictly define planning, monitoring and coordinative functions, as well as regulatory and supervisory authority over the delivery of metro-wide services within the National Capital Region. It cannot even open private roads in gated private subdivisions for the purpose of easing traffic gridlocks³. neither can it dismantle indiscriminately-installed signages or billboards in the Metro-Rail Transit for the promotion of the public interest⁴. This is because in both cases, the Supreme Court has held that the MMDA, not being a political subdivision like provinces and cities, does not possess police or legislative powers

Yet, the MMDA is unfairly expected to solve all the gargantuan issues spawned by a burgeoning urban agglomeration. If the metropolitan agency is to deal with NCR's challenges in a more effective and decisive manner, then it must be invested with broader political powers and greater financial resources. It must be supported by a more coherent legal and policy framework that empowers, rather than emasculates it.

Under the Local Government Code, the Local Government Units are primarily responsible for managing local infrastructure, including tributaries, creeks, canals, local drainages, and minor waterways. The maintenance and clearing of these local drainages (those not along national roads) and waterways, which are crucial in flood management, fall under LGUs' jurisdiction. Additionally, solid waste management, a key factor in mitigating urban flooding, is under the purview of LGUs. While MMDA may assist in waste collection and transportation to landfills, the LGUs retain their primary responsibility of ensuring effective waste management at local level.

It is important to recognize that these problems may only be resolved by taking action from the grassroots level. Barangays, the smallest political subdivision in the Philippines, serve as the frontline unit for ensuring proper garbage disposal and sanitation within the community, making their role very important in preventing clogging of drainage systems and waterways. This bill aims to maximize the effectiveness of barangays which stands as a crucial player in this system by taking actions collectively and effectively.

The current system is not adequate to address the problems that the communities are suffering. Effective flood management requires constant and stronger coordination between different government agencies such as MMDA and DPWH, together with the LGUs and barangay. This bill will face the impending problems through multi-tiered approach focusing on the local-level participation of the Government in order to solve the current problems on flood prevention and management of urban areas.

Hence, the time has come for the establishment of a metropolitan entity that will not be a mere administrative coordinating body like the MMDA, but a regional political subdivision

³ MMDA vs Bel-Air Association, G.R. No. 135962

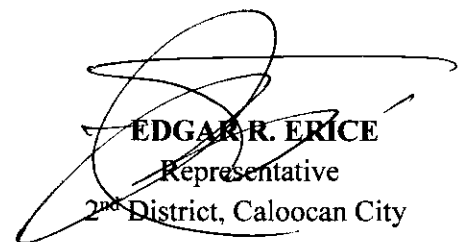
⁴ MMDA vs Trackworks Rail Transit Advertising, G.R. No. 167514

more akin to the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao. This proposed legislation seeks to form a special metropolitan regional government in Metro Manila vested with the police power and other typical municipal powers, in addition to the administrative and coordinative functions of the MMDA. It will not result to the diminution of the local autonomy of the 17 component LGUs of NCR.

The bill defines the jurisdiction of the proposed Metropolitan Manila Regional Administration to the coordination of the following specific metro-wide services: development planning transportation and traffic management; solid waste disposal and management; food control and sewerage management; urban renewal, zoning and land use planning and shelter services; health and sanitation. urban protection and pollution control public safety and disaster management public works and highways; and social welfare and services. It shall have an elected governor, vice-governor and members of the metropolitan legislative assembly.

The creation of an empowered regional government in Metro Manila is actually in step with trends in many countries that implement the concepts of "conurbation" (which is a region comprising a number of cities, large towns and other urban areas that, through population growth and physical expansion, have merged to form one continuous urban and industrially developed area) and "urban agglomeration" (which is an extended city area comprising the built-up area of a central place and any suburbs linked by a continuous urban area). The most notable examples are Metro Tokyo, New York Tri-State Area, Greater London Area, Metro Seoul, Montreal Urban Agglomeration and Metro Bangkok Administration.

It is respectfully submitted that in order to improve the present state of governance in Metro Manila, the MMRA should be established to replace the MMDA, and the metropolitan body's enormous responsibility and accountabilities must be accompanied by the commensurate augmentation of its political authority and financial capabilities. Thus, support and approval of this bill is hereby earnestly enjoined.



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AN ACT
CREATING A SPECIAL METROPOLITAN POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN THE
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION, TO BE CALLED THE "METROPOLITAN MANILA
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION" (MMRA), DEFINING ITS STRUCTURE OF
GOVERNMENT, ENUMERATING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

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4 **Section 1.** The name of the Special Metropolitan Political Region in the National Capital
5 Region shall be the "Metropolitan Manila Regional Administration" unless provided otherwise
6 by Congress upon the recommendation of the Metropolitan Legislative Assembly.

7 **Section 2.** It is the purpose of this Act to establish, by authority of Section 11, Article X of the
8 1987 Constitution, the Special Metropolitan Political Region in the present National Capital
9 Region, to provide its basic structure of government within the framework of the Constitution
10 and the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of the Philippines, and to
11 ensure the effective and efficient planning, supervision, coordination and

1 metro-wide basic services that transcend the political and territorial boundaries of the
2 component local government units of the region

3 **ARTICLE II**

4 **Area and Seat of Government**

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6 **Section 1.** (a) There is hereby created the Special Metropolitan Political Subdivision in the
7 National Capital Region (NCR) to be composed of the local government Units (LGUs) voting
8 favorably in the plebiscite called for the purpose, in accordance with Section 10 Article X of
9 the Constitution.

10 (b) The plebiscite shall be conducted in the Cities of Caloocan, Las Piñas, Makati, Malabon,
11 Mandaluyong, Manila, Marikina, Muntinlupa, Navotas, Parañaque, Pasay, Pasig, Quezon, San
12 Juan, Taguig, and Valenzuela. and the Municipality of Pateros.

13 **Section 2.** The Metropolitan Legislative Assembly hereinafter referred to as the Metropolitan
14 Assembly shall fix by ordinance the permanent seat of government for the Metropolitan Manila
15 Regional Administration, taking into consideration accessibility and efficiency in carrying out
16 its mandate under this Act: Provided. That the provisional seat of the Regional Government
17 shall be in Makati City.

18 19 **ARTICLE III**

20 **Declaration of Policies**

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22 **Section 1.** It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to treat the National Capital Region
23 as a special highly-urbanized region where certain metro-wide basic services can be more
24 effectively and efficiently planned, supervised, coordinated and delivered by a special
25 metropolitan political subdivision as created herein.

26 **Section 2.** In consonance with this policy the affairs of the NCR shall henceforth be
27 administered by the Metropolitan Manila Regional Administration (MMRA) to replace the
28 Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) organized under Republic Act No.
29 7924. In addition to the planning, monitoring and coordinative functions, as well as the
30 regulatory and supervisory authority currently exercised by the MMDA over the delivery of
31 metro-wide services within the NCR, as provided under Section 5 of Republic Act No. 7924,
32 the MMRA shall enjoy the police power, the power of eminent domain and the power of
33 taxation, without prejudice to, or diminution of the autonomy of the affected LGUs concerning
34 purely local matters.

35 **Section 3.** The MMRA shall be governed and administered in accordance with the 1987
36 Constitution, the Local Government Code of 1991, and this Act.

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ARTICLE IV

Jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Manila Regional Government

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 11 Article X of the 1987 Constitution, the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Manila Regional Administration shall be limited to basic services requiring coordination. As defined under this Act, basic services under the jurisdiction of the MMRA are those services which have metro-wide impact and transcend legal political boundaries or entail huge expenditures such that it would not be viable for said services to be provided by the individual LGUs comprising the NCR. These services are hereby enumerated in the succeeding sections of this Article.

Section 2. *Development planning*, which includes the preparation of medium and long-term development plans the development, evaluation and pack aging of protects; investment programming; and coordination and monitoring of plan-, program-, and project-implementation.

Section 3. *Transportation and traffic management*, which includes the formulation, coordination and monitoring of policies, standards, programs and projects to rationalize the existing transport operations, infrastructure requirements, the use of thoroughfares, and promotion of safe and convenient movement of persons and goods: provisions for the mass transportation system and the institution of a system to regulate road users; administration and implementation of all traffic enforcement operations, traffic engineering services and traffic education programs, including the institution of a single ticketing system in NCR.

Section 4. *Solid waste disposal and management*, which includes the formulation and implementation of policies, standards, programs and projects for proper and sanitary waste disposal. It shall likewise include the establishment and operation of sanitary landfill and related facilities and the implementation of other alternative programs intended to reduce, reuse and recycle solid waste.

Section 5. *Flood control and sewerage management*, which includes the formulation and implementation of policies, standards programs and projects for an integrated flood control drainage and sewerage system.

Section 6. *Urban renewal, zoning and land use planning, and shelter services*, which includes the formulation, adoption and implementation of policies, standards rules and regulations programs and projects to rationalize and optimize urban land use and provide direction to urban growth and expansion. the rehabilitation and development of slum and blighted areas, the development of shelter and housing facilities and the provision of necessary social services thereof.

Section 7. *Health and sanitation, urban protection and pollution control*, which includes the formulation and implementation of policies, rules and regulations, standards, programs and projects for the promotion and safeguarding of the health and sanitation of the region and

1 the enhancement of ecological balance and the prevention, control and abatement of
2 environmental pollution.

3 **Section 8. *Public safety and disaster management***, which includes the formulation and
4 implementation of programs and policies and procedures to achieve public safety, especially
5 preparedness for preventive or rescue operations during times of calamities and disasters such
6 as conflagrations, earthquakes, flood and tidal waves, and coordination and mobilization of
7 resources and the implementation for rehabilitation and relief operation in coordination with
8 national agencies concerned.

9 **Section 9. *Public works and highways***, which includes the formulation and implementation of
10 policies, standards, programs and projects for an integrated system of inter-LGU highways,
11 roads, bridges, flyovers, waterworks and other infrastructure facilities intended to service the
12 needs of the residents of the region and which are funded out of regional funds.

14 **ARTICLE V**

15 **Institutional Linkages of the MMRA**

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17 **Section 1.** The president of the Philippines shall exercise general supervision over the
18 Metropolitan Manila Regional Administration, to ensure that national laws are faithfully
19 executed. The MMRA Governor shall exercise general supervision over the component LGUs
20 of the region, to see to it that regional ordinances in connection with the metro-wide basic
21 services mentioned under the preceding Article are duly observed and complied with.

22 **Section 2.** The Regional Government shall maintain close coordination with the National
23 Government for the orderly implementation and administration of national programs, policies
24 and activities within the MMRA.

25 **Section 3.** The MMRA shall, in carrying out its functions, consult, coordinate and work closely
26 with its component LGUs, the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev)
27 and other national government agencies and accredited people's organizations (POs), non-
28 governmental organizations (NGOs), and the private sector operating in the NCR. The
29 Governor or his authorized representative from among the Metropolitan Cabinet shall be ex-
30 officio member of the boards of government corporations and of the departments and offices
31 of government whose activities are relevant to the objectives and responsibilities of the MMRA
32 which shall include but not limited to Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage (MWSS),
33 Department of Transportation (DOTr). Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH),
34 Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Housing and Urban Development
35 Coordinating Committee (HUDCC)

36 The MMRA shall have a master plan that shall serve as the framework for the local
37 development plans of the component LGUs.

1 The MMRA shall submit its development plans and investment programs to the
2 DEPDev for integration into the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDD) and
3 public investment program

4 The MMRA shall, in coordination with the DEPDev and the Department of Finance
5 (DOF), interface with the foreign assistance agencies for purposes of obtaining financing
6 support, grants and donations in support of its progress and projects.

8 ARTICLE VI

9 The Legislative Department

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11 **Section 1.** The legislative power shall be vested in the Metropolitan Assembly, except to the
12 extent reserved to the people of Metropolitan Manila Regional Administration by provisions
13 on initiative and referendum as provided by law.

14 **Section 2.** The Members of the Assembly shall be elected by popular vote, with one (1) member
15 elected from each of the congressional districts corresponding to the seventeen (17) LGUs
16 within NCR. They shall be elected in the same manner as the Members of the House of
17 Representatives.

18 **Section 3.** No person shall be a Member of the Assembly unless he/ she is: (a) a natural-born
19 citizen of the Philippines; (b) at least twenty-three (23) years of age on the day of the election;
20 (c) able to read and write; (d) a registered voter of the district in which he/she shall be elected
21 on the day he/she files his/her certificate of candidacy; and (e) a resident thereof for a period
22 of not less than one (1) year immediately preceding the day of the election.

23 **Section 4.** The Assembly shall be of the MMRA Vice-Governor as Presiding Officer, the
24 regular elected Members, the president of the Metro Manila Mayors League, the president of
25 the Metro Manila Vice-Mayors League, and the president of the Metro Manila Councilors
26 League.

27 **Section 5.** The Assembly, as the legislative body of the MMRA, shall enact ordinances, approve
28 resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the region and its inhabitants
29 pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government Code, and in the proper exercise of the
30 corporate powers of the region as provided for under Section 22 of the Local Government
31 Code. Specifically, the Assembly shall:

32 (a) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an effective and efficient
33 regional government;

34 (b) Promulgate rules and regulations, and set policies and standards for metro-wide
35 application governing the delivery of basic services, and prescribe and collect service
36 and regulatory fees;

1 (c) Approve metro-wide plans, programs and projects, and issue rules and regulations
2 and resolutions deemed necessary by the MMRA to carry out the purposes of this Act:

3 (d) Review all ordinances approved by the sanggunians of component LGUs and
4 executive orders issued by the mayors of said component units, with respect to the
5 metro-wide basic services identified under Article IV of this Act, to determine whether
6 these are within the scope of the prescribed powers of the sanggunians and of the
7 mayors;

8 (e) Determine the positions and fix the compensation of the officers and personnel of
9 the MMRA, regional commissions, boards and offices:

10 (f) Enact the annual and supplemental budgets of the regional government for
11 submission to the Department of Budget and Management;

12 (g) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code and applicable
13 laws, and upon the majority vote of all the members of the Assembly enact ordinances
14 levying taxes, fees and charges, prescribing the rates thereof for general and specific
15 purposes, and granting tax exemptions, incentives or reliefs, in connection with the
16 metro-wide basic services identified under Article IV of this Act;

17 (h) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code and applicable
18 laws, and upon the majority vote of all the members of the Assembly, authorize the
19 MMRA Governor to negotiate and contract loans and other forms of indebtedness;

20 (i) Subject to the provisions of Book II of this Code and applicable laws and upon the
21 majority vote of all the members of the Assembly, enact ordinances authorizing the
22 floating of bonds or other instruments of indebtedness, for the purpose of raising funds
23 to finance development projects;

24 (j) Appropriate funds for the construction and maintenance or the rental of buildings for
25 the use of the MMRA and upon the majority vote of all the members of the Assembly,
26 authorize the MMRA Governor to lease to private parties such public buildings held in
27 a proprietary capacity, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

28 (k) Prescribe reasonable limits and restraints on the use of property within the
29 jurisdiction of the region;

30 (l) Review the comprehensive land use plans and zoning ordinances of component cities
31 and municipalities and adopt a comprehensive regional land use plan;

32 (m) Impose and collect fines and penalties for violations of regional ordinances and
33 regulations; and

34 (n) Perform such other functions as the law may provide.

35 **Section 6.** The Members of the Assembly shall have a term of three (3) years which shall begin,
36 unless otherwise provided by law, at noon on the 30th day of June next following their election.
37 No Member of the Assembly shall serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms. Voluntary

1 renunciation of or removal from office for any length of time shall not be considered as an
2 interruption in the continuity of his service for the full term for which he was elected.

3 **Section 7.** In case of vacancy in the Assembly occurring at least one (1) year before the
4 expiration of the term of office, a special election shall be called to fill the vacancy in the
5 manner prescribed by regional ordinance: Provided, That the Member elected shall serve only
6 for the unexpired term.

7 **Section 8.** Every Member of the Assembly shall take an oath or affirmation of allegiance to the
8 Republic of the Philippines before taking his/ her seat.

9 **Section 9.** Unless otherwise provided by Congress, a Member of the Assembly shall receive a
10 monthly compensation corresponding to Salary Grade twenty-eight (28) as prescribed under
11 Republic Act No. 6758 and its implementing rules, except the Presiding Officer of the
12 Assembly who shall receive a monthly compensation corresponding to Salary Grade thirty
13 (30). They shall not receive during their tenure any other emoluments from the Government.

14 **Section 10.** Any Member of the Assembly who accepts an appointment and qualifies for any
15 position in the Government, including government-owned or controlled corporations or their
16 subsidiaries, shall automatically forfeit his/her seat in the Assembly.

17 **Section 11.** All Members of the Assembly shall, upon their assumption of office, make a full
18 disclosure of their financial and business interests, including those of their spouses and
19 unmarried children under eighteen (18) years of age living in their households. They shall
20 notify the Assembly of any potential conflict of interest that may arise from the filing of
21 measures of which they are authors. Any Member found guilty of non-disclosure as required
22 under this section may be expelled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the Members of the
23 Assembly, without prejudice to his/ her other liabilities under pertinent legislation.

24 **Section 12.** No Member of the Assembly may personally appear as counsel before courts of
25 justice or quasi-judicial and other administrative bodies. Neither shall he/she, directly or
26 indirectly, be interested financially in any contract with, or in any franchise or special privilege
27 granted by the Government, or any subdivision, agency or instrumentality thereof, including
28 any government-owned or controlled corporation or its subsidiary, during his/her term of office.
29 He/She shall not intervene in any matter before any office of the Government for his/her
30 pecuniary benefit or where he/she may be called upon to act on account of his/her office.

31 **Section 13.** No Member shall be questioned or be held liable in any other place for any speech
32 or debate made in the Assembly or in any Committee thereof.

33 **Section 14.** The Assembly shall adopt its own internal rules of procedure by a majority vote of
34 all its Members, which shall include the selection of members of its standing committees and
35 the suspension or expulsion of its Members.

36 The Assembly shall elect from among its Members a Majority Floor Leader and such
37 other officers as the rules may provide.

1 A majority of all the Members of the Assembly shall constitute a quorum to do business,
2 but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day and may compel the attendance of absent
3 Members in such manner, and under such penalties, as the Assembly may provide.

4 The Assembly or any of its committees may conduct inquiries or public consultations
5 in aid of legislation in accordance with its rules. The rights of persons appearing in or affected
6 by such inquiries shall be respected.

7 The Assembly shall keep a Journal of its proceedings and a record of its caucuses and
8 meetings. The records and books of accounts of the Assembly shall be preserved and be open
9 to public scrutiny. The Commission on Audit shall publish an annual report of the itemized list
10 of expenditures incurred by the Members of the Assembly within sixty (60) days from the end
11 of every regular session.

12 **Section 15.** The Assembly may request the presence of the MMRA Governor, the members of
13 the Metropolitan Cabinet or their deputies, as the rules shall provide, for questioning on matters
14 falling within the scope of their responsibilities. Subject to the rules of the Assembly, the
15 legislative power to inquire on matters relating to the exercise of administrative functions by
16 an agency of government within the MMRA shall be in the form of written questions.

17 **Section 16.** Except as provided by its rules, the Assembly shall meet in open session Regular
18 session shall commence on the 4th Monday of July and shall continue to be in session for such
19 number of days as may be determined by the Assembly until thirty (30) days before the opening
20 of its next regular session, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. The Assembly
21 may meet in special sessions at the request of one-third (1/3) of all its members or by call of
22 the MMRA Governor. Such special session must be convened with a special agenda.

23 **Section 17.** No proposed ordinance shall become a law of regional application unless it has
24 passed three (3) readings on separate days, and printed copies thereof in its final form have
25 been distributed to its Members three (3) days before its passage, except when the MMRA
26 Governor certifies to the necessity of its immediate enactment to meet a public calamity or
27 emergency.

28 **Section 18.** Every proposed ordinance passed by the Assembly, shall, before it becomes a law
29 of regional application, be presented to the MMRA Governor. If he/she approves the same,
30 he/she shall sign it on each and every page; otherwise, if it contains ultra vices provisions, or
31 if he/she finds it objectionable on policy grounds, or both, he/she shall veto it and return it with
32 his/her written objections to the Assembly, which shall enter the objections at large in its
33 Journal and proceed to reconsider it. If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds (2/3) of all
34 Members of the Assembly shall agree to pass the proposed ordinance, it shall become a law of
35 regional application. In all such cases, the vote shall be determined by yeas or nays, and the
36 names of the Members voting for or against shall be entered in the Journal. The MMRA
37 Governor Shall communicate his/her veto of any bill to the Assembly within thirty (30) days
38 after the date of receipt thereof; otherwise, it shall become a law of regional application as if
39 he/she had signed it.

1 **Section 19.** The Presiding Officer of the Assembly shall, within ten (10) working days from
2 approval thereof, submit to the President and to both Houses of Congress a certified true copy
3 of all ordinances and resolutions approved by the Assembly.

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5 **ARTICLE VII**
6 **The Executive Department**
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8 **Section 1.** The executive power shall be vested in the Regional Governor who shall be elected
9 at large by direct vote of the people of the Metropolitan Manila Regional Administration.

10 **Section 2.** No person may be elected Governor of the MMRA unless he/she is: (a) a natural-
11 born citizen of the Philippines; (b) a registered voter of the MMRA; (c) able to read and write;
12 (d) at least twenty-three (23) years of age on the day of the election; and (e) a resident of the
13 MMRA for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the election.

14 **Section 3.** The Governor, as the chief executive of the regional government, shall exercise such
15 powers and perform such functions as provided by this Act, the Local Government Code, and
16 other laws. The Governor shall:

17 (a) Execute the regional laws, policies and measures approved by the Metropolitan
18 Assembly and be responsible for the effective and efficient day-to-day management of
19 the operations of the MMRA;

20 (b) Exercise general supervision and over all programs, projects, services and
21 activities of the regional government;

22 (c) Enforce all laws and ordinances relative to the governance of the MMRA and the
23 exercise of the appropriate corporate powers provided for under Section 22 of the Local
24 Government Code;

25 (d) Ensure that the acts of the component LGUs of the region and of their officials and
26 employees, with respect to the metro-wide basic services identified under Article IV
27 hereof, are within the scope of their prescribed powers, duties and functions;

28 (e) Exercise control over all the regional executive departments, commissions, boards,
29 and offices;

30 (f) Appoint, subject to civil service laws, rules and regulations, all subordinate officers
31 and employees, who shall enjoy security of tenure and may be removed only in
32 accordance with law. The Governor is hereby authorized to engage the services of
33 experts/consultants either on full time or part-time basis, as may be required in the
34 performance of his functions and duties as may be determined by him;

35 (g) Prepare the annual budget for the operations of the MMRA for submission to the
36 Assembly;

1 (h) Represent the regional government in all its business transactions and sign in its
2 behalf all bonds, contracts, and obligations, and such other documents upon prior
3 authority of the Assembly or pursuant to law or ordinance;

4 (i) Carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath
5 of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;

6 (j) Ensure that all executive officials and employees of the regional government
7 faithfully discharge their duties and functions as provided by law and this Act, and cause
8 to be instituted administrative or judicial proceedings against any official or employee
9 of the MMRA who may have committed an offense in the performance of his official
10 duties;

11 (k) Submit for consideration of the Assembly such other policies and measures as may
12 be deemed necessary to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Act;

13 (l) Subject to the guidelines and policies set by the Assembly, prepare the staffing
14 pattern and fix the number of subordinate officials and employees of the MMRA; and
15 exercise the power to discipline subordinate officials and employees under the
16 provision of law;

17 (m) Prepare an annual report on the accomplishments of the MMRA at the close of each
18 calendar year for submission to the Assembly and to the President of the Philippines;
19 and

20 (n) Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by law or by the Assembly.

21 **Section 4.** Unless otherwise provided by Congress, the Governor shall receive a monthly
22 Compensation corresponding to Salary Grade thirty-one (31) as prescribed under Republic Act
23 NO. 6758 and its implementing rules. He/ She shall not receive during his/her tenure any other
24 emoluments from the Government.

25 **Section 5.** There shall be a Regional Vice-Governor of the MMRA who shall have the same
26 qualifications and term of office, and be elected with and in the same manner as the MMRA
27 Governor. He/ She may be removed from office in the same manner as the Governor. The Vice
28 Governor shall:

29 (a) Be the Presiding Officer of the Metropolitan Legislative Assembly and sign all
30 warrants drawn on the regional treasury for all expenditures appropriated for the
31 operation of the Assembly;

32 (b) Subject to civil service law, rules and regulations, appoint all officials and
33 employees of the Assembly, except those whose manner of appointment is specifically
34 provided in this Code;

35 (c) Assume the office of the Governor for the unexpired term of the latter in the event
36 of permanent vacancy as provided for in Section 44, Book 1 of the Local Government
37 Code;

1 (d) Exercise the powers and perform the duties and functions of the Governor in cases
2 of temporary vacancy as provided for in Section 46, Book I of the Local Government
3 Code; and

4 (e) Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be
5 prescribed by law or ordinance.

6 **Section 6.** (a) The terms of office of the Governor and Vice-Governor shall be for a period of
7 three (3) years which shall begin at noon on the 30th day of June next following the day of the
8 election and shall end at noon of the same date three years thereafter.

9 (b) No Governor or Vice-Governor shall serve for more than three (3) consecutive
10 terms. Voluntary renunciation of or removal from office for any length of time shall not
11 be considered an interruption in the continuity of the service for the full term for which
12 he was elected.

13 **Section 7.** Before they enter on the execution of their office, the Governor and the Vice-
14 Governor shall take the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I
15 will faithfully and conscientiously fulfill my duties as Regional Governor (Regional Vice-
16 Governor) of the Metropolitan Manila Regional Administration, preserve and defend the
17 Constitution of the Republic, and the national and regional laws, do justice to every man, and
18 consecrate myself to the service of the Metropolitan Manila Regional Administration and the
19 nation. So help me God."

20 **Section 8.** In case of death, permanent disability, removal from office, or resignation of the
21 Governor, the Vice-Governor shall become the Governor to serve the unexpired term. In which
22 case, the Senior Member of the Assembly shall become the Presiding Officer. In case of death,
23 permanent disability, removal from office, or the resignation of both the Governor and the Vice
24 Governor, the Senior Member of the Assembly shall become the Governor to serve the
25 unexpired term.

26 **Section 9.** In case of temporary incapacity of the Governor to perform his/her duties on account
27 of physical or legal causes, or when he/she is on official leave of absence or travel outside the
28 territorial jurisdiction of the Republic of the Philippines, the Vice-Governor, or if there be none
29 or in case of his/her permanent or temporary incapacity or refusal to assume office, the Senior
30 Member of the Assembly shall exercise the powers, duties and functions of the Governor.

31 **Section 10.** The Governor or the Vice-Governor may be removed from office for culpable
32 violation of the Constitution, treason, bribery, graft and corruption, other high crimes or
33 betrayal of public trust by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of all the Members of the Assembly.

34 The Assembly may initiate the removal of the Governor or the Vice-Governor under
35 this Section by a majority vote of all its Members. The Assembly shall promulgate the
36 necessary rules to carry out effectively the purposes of this Section.

37 **Section 11.** The Governor or the Vice-Governor may be recalled once during his/her term of
38 office for loss of confidence. The Assembly shall provide the procedure and system whereby

1 such recall can be made: Provided, that no recall shall take place within one year from the date
2 of the official's assumption of office or one year immediately preceding a regional election.

3 **Section 12.** The Governor shall be assisted by a Metropolitan Cabinet of ten (10) members,
4 consisting of the Regional Manager, who shall act as the Secretary of the Cabinet, and the heads
5 of the nine (9) departments corresponding to the nine (9) metro-wide services mentioned under
6 Article IV of this Act. The Members of the Cabinet shall come from the local government units
7 within MMRA: Provided, that no two (2) or more members of the Cabinet shall come from the
8 same LGU.

9 The members of the Cabinet must be registered voters and residents of the NCR for at
10 least one (1) year immediately preceding their appointment.

11 The Governor shall appoint the members of the Cabinet subject to confirmation by the
12 Assembly.

13 **Section 13.** The Governor, the Vice-Governor, and the Members of the Metropolitan Cabinet
14 and their deputies shall not hold any other office or employment during their tenure. They shall
15 not, during said tenure, directly or indirectly, practice any other profession, participate in any
16 business, or be financially interested in any contract with, or in any franchise, or special
17 privilege granted by the Government or any subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof,
18 including government-owned or controlled corporations or their subsidiaries. They shall
19 strictly avoid conflicts of interest in the conduct of their office.

20 The spouse and relatives by consanguinity or affinity within the fourth civil degree of
21 the Governor shall not, during his/her tenure, be appointed members of the Cabinet or
22 chairpersons of regional commissions, or heads of bureaus or offices, including government-
23 owned or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries located in the MMRA.

24 **Section 14.** Appointments extended by the Acting Governor within ninety (90) days before the
25 assumption of office by the elected Governor shall remain effective, unless revoked by the
26 elected Governor within ninety (90) days from such assumption or resumption of office.

27 **Section 15.** The Governor shall not issue appointments, remove personnel, or unless authorized
28 by the Commission on Elections, undertake public works projects, within the prohibited period
29 before and after a regional election as provided by law.

30 **Section 16.** The Governor shall appoint, in addition to the members of the Cabinet, their
31 deputies, the chairpersons and members of the commissions and the heads of bureaus of the
32 Regional Government, and those whom he may be authorized by regional law to appoint. The
33 Assembly may, by law, vest the appointment of other officers or officials lower in rank to the
34 heads of departments, agencies, commissions, or boards.

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36 **Section 17.** The Governor shall address the Assembly at the opening of its regular session. He/
37 She may also appear before it at any time. The Assembly may invite the President of the
38 Philippines and other government officials to address it.

1 **ARTICLE VIII**

2 **Other Officials of the Metropolitan Manila Regional Administration**

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4 **Section 1.** In addition to the afore-named officials, the MMRA shall have a Metropolitan
5 Regional Manager, a Secretary to the Metropolitan Assembly, a Regional Legal Officer, a
6 Regional Treasurer, a Regional Budget Officer, a Regional Accountant, a Regional Engineer, a
7 Regional Architect, a Regional General Services Officer, and a Regional Information Officer.
8 They shall be appointed by the MMRA Governor with the consent and concurrence of the
9 majority of the Metropolitan Assembly, subject to civil service laws and regulations. They shall
10 enjoy security of tenure and may be removed for cause in accordance with law.

11 **Section 2.** The Assembly may: (a) Create such other offices as may be necessary to carry out
12 the purposes of the metropolitan regional government; or (b) Consolidate the functions of any
13 office with those of another in the interest of efficiency and

14 Unless otherwise provided herein, heads of departments and offices shall be appointed
15 by the Governor with the concurrence of the majority of all the Assembly Members, subject to
16 civil service law, rules and regulations. The Assembly shall act on the appointment within
17 fifteen (15) days from the date of its submission; otherwise, the same shall be deemed
18 confirmed:

19 Appointive regional officials shall receive such compensation, allowances, and other
20 emoluments as may be determined by law or ordinance, subject to the budgetary limitations on
21 personal services prescribed under Title Five, Book II of the Local Government Code:
22 Provided, that no increase in compensation shall take effect until after the expiration of the full
23 term of all the elective officials approving such increase.

24 **ARTICLE IX**
25 **The Budget Process**
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28 **Section 1.** (a) Each head of department or office shall submit a budget proposal for his/her
29 department or office to the MMRA Governor on or before the 15th of July of each year:
30 Provided, that the budget proposal of each department or office shall be categorized under
31 either economic, social or general services: Provided, further, that each service shall be covered
32 by the budget of at least one (1) department or office of the regional government. The said
33 budget proposal shall be prepared in accordance with such policy and program guidelines as
34 the Governor may issue in conformity with the regional development plan, the budgetary
35 ceilings prescribed by the regional finance committee, and the general requirements prescribed
36 in Title 5, Book II of the Local Government Code.

37 (b) Budget proposals of departments or offices shall be divided into two (2) primary
38 categories, namely: the current operating expenditures and the capital outlays. Such budget
39 proposals shall contain the following information:

1 (1) Objectives, functions, and projects showing the general character and relative
2 importance of the work to be accomplished or the services to be rendered, and the
3 cost thereof;

4 (2) Organizational charts and staffing patterns indicating the list of plantilla
5 positions with their corresponding salaries, and proposals for reclassification of
6 positions and salary changes, as well as the creation of new positions with their
7 proposed salary grade, duly supported by proper justification;

8 (3) Brief description of the functions, projects and activities for the ensuing fiscal
9 year, expected results for each function, project and activity, and the nature of work
10 to be performed, including the objects of expenditure for each function, project and
11 activity;

12 (4) Relation of the work and financial proposals to approved local development
13 plans;

14 (5) Estimated current operating expenditures and capital outlays with comparative
15 data for the last two (2) preceding, current, and ensuing fiscal years; and

16 (6) Accomplishment reports for the last two (2) preceding and current fiscal years.

17 **Section 2.** Upon receipt of the statements and expenditures from the Regional Treasurer, the
18 budget proposals of the heads of departments and offices, and the estimates of income and
19 budgetary ceilings from the regional finance the Governor shall prepare the executive budget
20 for the ensuing fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of this Article. The Governor shall
21 submit the said executive budget to the Metropolitan Assembly not later than the 16th of
22 October of the current fiscal year. Failure to submit such budget on the date prescribed herein
23 shall subject the Governor to such criminal and administrative penalties as provided for under
24 the Local Government Code and other applicable laws.

25 **Section 3.** On or before the end of the current fiscal year, the Assembly shall enact, through an
26 ordinance, the annual budget of the MMRA for the ensuing fiscal year on the basis of the
27 estimates of income and expenditures submitted by the Governor.

28 **Section 4.** The ordinance enacting the annual budget shall take effect at the beginning of the
29 ensuing calendar year. An ordinance enacting a supplemental budget, however, shall take effect
30 upon its approval or on the date fixed therein. The responsibility for the execution of the annual
31 and supplemental budgets and the accountability there for shall be vested primarily in the
32 Governor.

33 **Section 5.** All budgetary proposals shall be included and considered in the budget preparation
34 process. After the Governor shall have submitted the executive budget to the Assembly, no
35 ordinance providing for a supplemental budget shall be enacted, except when supported by
36 funds actually available as certified by the local treasurer or by new revenue sources.

37 A supplemental budget may also be enacted in times of public calamity by way of
38 budgetary realignment to set aside appropriations for the purchase of supplies and materials or

1 the payment of services which are exceptionally urgent or absolutely indispensable to prevent
2 imminent danger to, or loss of, life or property, in the jurisdiction of the regional government
3 or in other areas declared by the President of the Philippines in a state of calamity. Such
4 ordinance shall clearly indicate the sources of funds available for appropriations, as certified
5 under oath by the Regional Treasurer and Regional Accountant and attested by the Governor,
6 and the various items of appropriations affected and the reasons for the change.

7 **Section 6.** Unexpended balances of appropriations authorized in the annual appropriations
8 Ordinance shall revert to the unappropriated surplus of the general fund at the end of the fiscal
9 year and shall not thereafter be available for expenditure except by subsequent enactment.
10 However, appropriations for capital outlays shall continue and remain valid until fully spent,
11 reverted or the project is completed. Reversions of continuing appropriations shall not be
12 allowed unless obligations there for have been fully paid or otherwise settled. The balances of
13 continuing appropriations shall be reviewed as part of the annual budget preparation and the
14 Assembly may approve, upon recommendation of the Governor, the reversion of funds no
15 longer needed in connection with the activities funded by said continuing appropriations
16 subject to the provisions of this Section.

17 **Section 7.** In case the Assembly fails to pass the ordinance authorizing the annual
18 appropriations at the beginning of the ensuing fiscal year, it shall continue to hold sessions,
19 without additional remuneration for its Members, until such ordinance is approved, and no
20 other business may be taken up during such sessions. If the Assembly still fails to enact such
21 ordinance after ninety (90) days from the beginning of the fiscal year, the ordinance authorizing
22 the appropriations of the preceding year shall be deemed re-enacted and shall remain in force
23 and effect until the ordinance authorizing the proposed appropriations is passed by the
24 Assembly. However, only the annual appropriations for salaries and wages of existing
25 positions, statutory and obligations, and essential operating expenses authorized in the annual
26 and supplemental budgets for the preceding year shall be deemed re-enacted and disbursement
27 of funds shall be in accordance therewith. In the implementation of such re-enacted ordinance,
28 the Regional Treasurer shall exclude from the estimates of income for the preceding fiscal year
29 those realized from nonrecurring sources, like national aids, proceeds from loans, sale of assets,
30 prior year adjustments, and other analogous sources of income. No ordinance authorizing
31 supplemental appropriations shall be passed in place of the annual appropriations. In case the
32 revised income estimates be less than the aggregate re-enacted appropriations, the Regional
33 Treasurer shall accordingly advise the Assembly which shall, within ten (10) days from the
34 receipt of such advice, make the necessary adjustments or reductions. The revised
35 appropriations authorized by the Assembly shall then be the basis for disbursements.

36 **Section 8.** The budgets of the MMRA for any fiscal year shall comply with the following
37 requirements:

38 (a) The aggregate amount appropriated shall not exceed the estimates of income;

39 (b) Full provision shall be made for all statutory and contractual obligations of the
40 MMRA: Provided, however, that the amount of appropriations for debt servicing shall
41 not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the regular income of the regional government; and

1 (c) Five percent (5%) of the estimated revenue from regular sources shall be set aside
2 as an annual lump sum appropriation for unforeseen expenditures arising from the
3 occurrence of calamities: Provided, however, that such appropriation shall be used only
4 in the area, or a portion thereof, of the MMRA declared by the President in a state of
5 calamity.

6 **Section 9.** The use of the MMRA funds shall be subject to the following limitations:

7 (a) The total appropriations, whether annual or supplemental, for personal services of
8 the Regional Government for one (1) fiscal year shall not exceed forty-five percent
9 (45%) of the total annual income from regular sources realized in the next preceding
10 fiscal year. The appropriations for salaries, wages, representation and transportation
11 allowances of officials and employees of the public utilities and economic enterprises
12 owned, operated, and maintained by the Regional Government concerned shall not be
13 included in the annual budget or in the computation of the maximum amount for
14 personal services. The appropriations for the personal services of such economic
15 enterprises shall be charged to their respective budgets;

16 (b) No official or employee shall be entitled to a salary rate higher than the maximum
17 fixed for his position or other positions of equivalent rank by applicable laws or rules
18 and regulations issued there under;

19 (c) No regional fund shall be appropriated to increase or adjust salaries or wages of
20 officials and employees of the national government, except as may be expressly
21 authorized by law;

22 (d) In cases of abolition of positions and the creation of new ones resulting from the
23 abolition of existing positions in the career service, such abolition or creation shall be
24 made in accordance with pertinent provisions of this code and the civil service law,
25 rules and regulations;

26 (e) Positions in the official plantilla for career positions which are occupied by
27 incumbents holding permanent appointments shall be covered by adequate
28 appropriations;

29 (f) No changes in designation or nomenclature of positions resulting in a promotion or
30 demotion in rank or increase or decrease in compensation shall be allowed, except when
31 the position is actually vacant, and the filling of such positions shall be strictly made in
32 accordance with the civil service law, rules and regulations;

33 (g) The creation of new positions and salary increases or adjustments shall in no case
34 be made retroactive; and

35 (h) The annual appropriations for discretionary purposes of the Governor shall not
36 exceed two percent (2%) of the actual receipts derived from MMRA service fees in the
37 next preceding calendar year. Discretionary funds shall be disbursed only for public
38 purposes to be supported by appropriate vouchers and subject to such guidelines as may

1 be prescribed by law. No amount shall be appropriated for the same purpose except as
2 authorized under this Section.

3 **Section 10.** The Governor shall have the power to veto any particular item or items in an
4 appropriation or revenue ordinance, but the veto shall not affect the item or items to which
5 he/she does not object. The veto may be reconsidered and overridden by the Assembly by a
6 vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all its Members.

7 **Section 11.** The Department of Budget and Management shall review ordinances authorizing
8 the annual or supplemental appropriations of the MMRA.

9 **Section 12.** Appropriations for ordinary administrative purposes not duly obligated shall
10 terminate with the fiscal year and all unexpended balances thereof shall be automatically
11 reverted on the 31st of December of each year to the general fund of the Regional Government.

12 **Section 13.** The formulation and enactment of budgets in the MMRA shall observe the
13 following fundamental principles:

14 (a) No money shall be paid out of the Regional Treasury except in pursuance of an
15 appropriation made by regional law.

16 (b) No public money or property shall be appropriated, applied, paid or employed,
17 directly or indirectly, for the use, benefit, or support of any sect, church, denomination,
18 sectarian institution, or system of religion or of any priest, imam, preacher, minister, or
19 other religious teacher or dignitary as such, except when such priest, imam, preacher,
20 minister or dignitary is assigned to the regional police force or to any penal institution,
21 or government orphanage or leprosarium within the NCR.

22 (c) All money collected on any regional tax levied for a special purpose shall be treated
23 as a special fund and paid out for such special purpose only. If the purpose for which a
24 special fund was created has been fulfilled or abandoned, the balance, if any, shall
25 accrue to the general funds of the Regional Government.

26 (d) No funds or resources shall be disbursed unless duly approved by the Governor or
27 by his/her duly authorized representative.

28 (e) Trust funds shall only be paid out of the Regional Treasury upon fulfillment of the
29 specific purpose for which said funds were created or received.

30 (f) No provision or enactment shall be embraced in the MMRA appropriations
31 ordinance unless it relates specifically to some particular appropriation therein. Any
32 such provision or enactment shall be limited in its operation to the appropriation to
33 which it relates.

34 (g) The procedure in approving appropriations for the Metropolitan Assembly shall
35 strictly follow the procedure for approving appropriations for other departments and
36 agencies of the Regional Government.

1 (h) A special appropriations ordinance shall specify the purpose for which it is intended,
2 and shall be supported by funds actually available as certified by the Regional
3 Treasurer, or to be raised by a corresponding revenue proposal therein.

4 (i) No regional ordinance shall be passed authorizing' any transfer of appropriations;
5 however, the Governor may, by regional law, be authorized to augment any item for
6 his/her office from savings in other items of the appropriations for his/her office.

7 **Section 14.** There is hereby created in the MMRA a regional finance committee to be composed
8 of the Member of the Metropolitan Cabinet who heads the Development Planning Department,
9 the Regional Budget Officer, and the Regional Treasurer. It shall exercise the following
10 functions:

11 (a) Determine the income reasonably projected as collectible for the ensuing fiscal
12 year;

13 (b) Recommend the appropriate tax and other revenue measures or borrowings which
14 may be appropriate to support the budget;

15 (c) Recommend to the Governor the level of the annual expenditures and the ceilings
16 of spending for economic, social, and general services based on the approved regional
17 development plans;

18 (d) Recommend to the Governor the proper allocation of expenditures for each
19 development activity between current operating expenditures and capital outlays;

20 (e) Recommend to the Governor the amount to be allocated for capital outlay under
21 each development activity or infrastructure project; and

22 (f) Conduct semi-annual review and general examination of cost and accomplishments
23 against performance standards applied in undertaking development projects. A copy
24 of this report shall be furnished the Governor and the Assembly, and shall be posted in
25 conspicuous and publicly accessible places in the component LGUs of the MMRA.

26 **Section 15.** The Governor shall inform the Assembly every quarter on the conduct of regional
27 affairs and the state of regional finances.

28 **Section 16.** The financial accounts of the expenditures and revenues of the MMRA shall be
29 audited by the Commission on Audit. The financial accounts of the MMRA, including all
30 payments from the reserve fund, shall be submitted by the Governor to the Assembly, together
31 with the statement of audit prepared by the Commission on Audit within ten (10) working days
32 from receipt thereof.

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1 **Section 4.** Upon the organization of the MMRA, the line agencies and offices of the National
2 Government dealing with local government; development planning; transportation and traffic
3 management; solid waste disposal and management; flood control and management; urban
4 renewal, zoning and land use planning, and shelter services; health and sanitation, urban
5 protection and pollution control; public safety and disaster management; public works and
6 highways; and social services, including their personnel, equipment, properties and budgets,
7 shall be immediately placed under the control and supervision of the Regional Government.

8 The National Government shall continue such levels of expenditures as may be
9 necessary to carry out the functions devolved under this Act: Provided, however, that the annual
10 budgetary support shall, as soon as practicable, terminate as to the line agencies or offices
11 devolved to the Regional Government.

12 **Section 5.** Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding Section, the Government Service
13 Insurance System, the Social Security System, the Pagtutulungan-Ikaw, Bangko, Industriya't
14 Gobyerno (PAG-IBIG) and other funds of similar trust or fiduciary nature shall be exempt from
15 the coverage of this Act.

16 **Section 6.** Pending the enactment of a regional budgetary law, the budgeting process of the
17 Regional Government shall be governed by pertinent rules and regulations prescribed by the
18 Department of Budget and Management.

19 **Section 7.** The first regular elections of the MMRA Governor, MMRA Vice-Governor and
20 Members of the Metropolitan Assembly under this Act shall be held not earlier than sixty (60)
21 days or later than ninety (90) days after the ratification of this Act. The Commission on
22 Elections shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the conduct of
23 said election.

24 **Section 8.** To carry out the purposes of this Act, the amount of Seven Billion Pesos (PhP
25 7,000,000,000) every year is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the initial operation of
26 the MMRA, and as its operating budget for the first three years of its existence. Thereafter, the
27 annual expenditures including capital outlays of the MMRA shall be provided in the General
28 Appropriations Ordinance to be enacted by the Metropolitan Assembly.

29 The MMRA shall continue to receive the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) currently
30 allocated to the present MMDA. Five percent (5%) of the total annual gross revenue of the
31 preceding year, net of the internal revenue allotment, of each local government unit voting to
32 be integrated into the MMRA, shall accrue and become payable monthly to the MMRA by each
33 city or municipality. In case of failure to remit the said fixed contribution, the DBM shall cause
34 the disbursement of the same to MMRA chargeable against the IRA allotment of the city or
35 municipality concerned the provisions of Section 286 of Republic Act No. 7160 to the contrary
36 notwithstanding.

37 **Section 9.** The provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be separate and in the event one or
38 more of such provisions are held unconstitutional, the validity of other provisions shall not be
39 affected thereby.

1 **Section 10.** All laws decrees, orders rules and regulations and all other issuances or parts
2 thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

3 **Section 11.** The Local Government Code of 1991 shall apply in all matters that are not covered
4 by this Act.

5 **Section 12.** The creation of the Metropolitan Manila Regional Administration shall take effect
6 when approved by a majority of the votes cast by the constituent units provided in paragraph
7 (b) of Section 1 of Article II of this Act in a plebiscite which shall be held not earlier than ninety
8 (90) days or later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act Provided.
9 That only the local government units voting favorably in such plebiscite shall be included in
10 the MMRA The LGUs which in the plebiscite do not vote for inclusion in the MMRA shall
11 remain in the existing administrative regions Provided however, That the President may, by
12 administrative determination, merge the existing regions.

13 **Section 13.** This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication
14 in the Official Gazette and at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation.

15 Approved,