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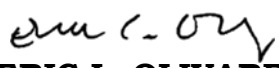
Republic Act No. 11292, or the *Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) Act of 2019*, institutionalized a system for recognizing well-performing local government units (LGUs). While effective in promoting compliance and good governance processes, the current framework remains largely input and process-oriented and does not fully capture actual development outcomes experienced by citizens.

This bill seeks to strengthen the SGLG by consolidating existing performance measurement tools and institutionalizing a unified, data-driven meritocracy system for LGUs. It introduces a Human Development Meritocracy Criteria that complements existing governance standards by emphasizing measurable outcomes in health, education, standard of living, peace and order, and inflation, while ensuring that LGUs are assessed based on their own historical performance rather than against one another.

The measure further enhances inter-agency coordination, assigns a central role to the Philippine Statistics Authority in data governance, improves transparency through standardized and accessible data systems, and rationalizes the incentive structure to reward sustained improvement while respecting local autonomy and the principle of subsidiarity.

By aligning incentives with actual development outcomes, this bill aims to promote more responsive, evidence-based, and results-oriented local governance for the benefit of the Filipino people.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly prayed for.


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AN ACT
CONSOLIDATING ALL PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT TOOLS
AND REWARDS SYSTEMS FOR ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT
UNITS BY INSTITUTIONALIZING MERITOCRACY IN THE
PHILIPPINES, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 11292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE SEAL OF GOOD
LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2019"

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the "Local Governance Meritocracy Act."

SECTION 2. Section 2 of Republic Act No. 11292, otherwise known as "The Seal of Good Local Governance Act of 2019." is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy, - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to recognize the good performance of local government units (LGUs) in transparency and accountability in the use of public funds preparedness for challenges posed by disasters, sensitivity to the needs of vulnerable and marginalized sectors of society. implementation of health programs, investment and employment promotion, protection of constituency from threats to life and damage to property and safeguarding the integrity of the environment. In such recognition, the State hopes to encourage all LGUs to take on greater challenges, encourage outcome-based performance, and [to] reward local government for their effort in pursuing [the] POLICIES THAT PROMOTE the general welfare of their constituency and in enforcing existing laws.

TO THIS END, A UNIFIED, PRACTICAL. AND REAL-TIME PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT TOOL SHALL BE INSTITUTIONALIZED TO GAUGE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF LGUs IN ACHIEVING THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES IN THE AREAS OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, STANDARDS OF LIVING, AND PEACE AND ORDER. LGUS UNDER THIS ACT SHALL INCLUDE PROVINCES, CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES, AND BARANGAYS."

SECTION 3. Section 4 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. The Council of Good Local Governance. -There is hereby established a Council of Good Local Governance (the "Council), which shall

be composed of the following:

- (a) Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- (b) Department of Budget and Management (DBM):
- (c) Department of Finance (DOF);
- (d) Department of Health (DOH);
- (e) Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD):
- (f) Department of Education (DepEd)
- (g) Department of Tourism (DOT);
- (h) Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);
- (i) National- Economic-and Development- Authority (NEDA)
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, ECONOMY, AND DEVELOPMENT
(DEPDEV):
- (j) Office of Civil Defense; [and]
- (k) [One (1) representative from the basic sectors to be nominated by the
National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC)] COMMISSION ON HIGHER
EDUCATION (CHED);
- (L) PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA);
- (M) PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP):
- (N) DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
TECHNOLOGY (DICT) (O) COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA)
- (P) CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (CSC)
- (Q) One (1) representative from the basic sectors to be nominated by the
National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC).

The Secretary of the DILG shall act as Chairperson of the Council WITH THE PSA NATIONAL STATISTICIAN AS CO-CHAIRPERSON The appropriate office of the DILG, as the latter may designate, shall serve as the Secretariat of the Council.

FOR PURPOSES OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE GRANTING OF 'THE SGLG, THERE SHALL BE FIVE (5) COMMITTEES TO BE FORMED WITHIN THE COUNCIL TO CORRESPOND WITH EACH OF THE DIMENSIONS OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MERITOCRACY CRITERIA AS FOLLOWS: ENUMERATED UNDER SECTION 7 HEREOF, AS FOLLOWS:

1. COMMITTEE ON HEALTH - TO BE CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DOH AND SUPPORTED BY THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE F THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS AND LOCAL HEALTH BOARDS;
2. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - TO BE CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE EPED, CO-CHAIRBD BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CHED, AND SUPPORTED BY THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS AND THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS;
3. COMMITTEE ON PEACE AND ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY- TO BE CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DILG AND SUPPORTED By THE NATIONAL PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL AND THE PEACE AND ORDER COUNCILS AT THE REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS; AND
4. COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF LIVING - TO BE CHAIRED BY THE DEPDEV AND SUPPORTED BY THE REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS

5. COMMITTEE ON INFLATION - TO BE CHAIRED BY THE DEPDEV AND SUPPORTED BY THE REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS,

THE COUNCIL SHALL DESIGNATE EACH COUNCIL MEMBER TO BE PART OF THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO COINCIDE WITH ITS OFFICIAL MANDATE OR FUNCTION."

SECTION 4. Section 5 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. Powers and Functions of the Council. -The Council shall act as A policy-making and advisory body to ensure the proper implementation of the SGLG. It shall perform the following powers and functions:

- (a) Develop and promulgate the performance indicators that shall serve as standards for evaluating the LGUs' compliance [and/or] AND satisfaction [of] WITH each of the criteria prescribed under Section 7 of this Act Provided, That the Council shall designate each Council member to lead the development of performance indicators [his/her] in THE area of jurisdiction or expertise and recommend the approval of such performance indicators by the Council: Provided, further, That in the development and approval of the performance indicators, the Council shall take into consideration that LGUs may not be similarly situated and that one (1) or more indicators may be peculiarly inapplicable or extremely difficult to meet given the inherent limitations or circumstances of the LGUs(:]; PROVIDED FINALLY, THAT THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIDER THE INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE OF EACH LEVEL OF LGU VIS-A-VIS THEIR RESPECTIVE HISTORICAL PERFORMANCES BASED ON THE TANDARDS OR EVALUATING EACH DIMENSION UNDER THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MERITOCRACY CRITERIA AS DEFINED UNDER SECTION 7 OF THIS ACT:
- (b) Review [and/or] OR revise the performance indicators consistent with the long-term development plans of the National Government The [development) IDENTIFICATION of indicators should reflect DEVELOPMENT outcomes that are performance-based, encouraging outputs that reflect concrete benefits to the community in terms of policy. rules, regulations, behavior, skill competencies, knowledge, or attitude.
- (c) Conduct an IMPACT evaluation [of the impact] of this Act on the performance of the LGUs for purposes of determining the need for enhancing or continuing the SGLG, rolling out the SGLG in barangays AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES and recommending any amendatory Legislation. For this purpose, the Council shall institute an effective feedback mechanism where the concerns of LGUs and other stakeholders on the implementation of the SGLG are appropriately considered;
- [d) Create technical working groups, upon the recommendation of the Council member concerned, composed of experts from government agencies, representatives from the leagues of provinces, cities and municipalities, BARANGAYS, and other sectors, to assist the Council members in the performance of their respective functions as provided for in paragraph (a) of this section;

- (e) Submit to the President of the Philippines, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, on an annual basis copies of the performance indicators approved by the Council together with the performance indicators developed and recommended by the lead Council member, and the result of the impact assessment conducted pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section; [and]
- (f) BE IN CHARGE OF DATA COLLECTION, INTEGRATION, AND PROCESSING STANDARDS FOR THIS MEASURE AND SUPPORT THE LGUS BY PROVIDING ANY DATA THEY NEED TO REGULARLY UPDATE THEIR DIMENSIONS UNDER THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MERITOCRACY CRITERIA: AND
- (G) Perform such other functions as are necessary or incidental to properly carry out the purposes of this Act."

SECTION 5. Section 6 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. Implementing [Agency] AGENCIES. -The DILG AND THE PSA shall be the JOINT implementing [agency] AGENCIES of this Act. [It THEY shall, through [ts] THEIR relevant bureaus and offices. and in consultation and coordination with partner agencies or sectors, RESPECTIVE LEAGUES OF LGUs AND LOCAL OFFICIALS, AND CONCERNED LGUs, be responsible for the assessment and evaluation of each LGU relative to its compliance with the criteria[,] and SHALL recommend to the Council whether an LGU qualifies to be conferred or awarded the SGLG[] OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION AS MAY BE ALLOWED IN THIS ACT, SUCH AS:

- (a) THE DILG AND PSA MAY, INDIVIDUALLY OR JOINTLY, CALL ON ANY OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES LGU LEAGUES, CSOS, SECTORS, OR OTHER BODIES. AS THEY MAY DEEM NECESSARY, TO ASSIST IN CARRYING OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS ACT.
- (b) THE PSA SHALL SERVE AS THE PRIMARY DATA CUSTODIAN AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. IT SHALL BE IN CHARGE OF SETTING UP A DATA REPOSITORY THAT SHALL BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DATA PRIVACY ACT
- (c) THE DILG SHALL, IN COORDINATION WITH PSA, RECOGNIZE WELL-PERFORMING LGUS AND GRANT FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO THE BEST-PERFORMING LGUS OR ENFORCE THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES, AS PROVIDED IN THIS ACT: PROVIDED, THAT IT CONFORMS TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SUBSIDIARITY AS GUARANTEED UNDER SEC. 4, ARTICLE X OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION.
- (d) THE SA SHALL FINALIZE THE DATA COLLECTION, INTEGRATION, AND PROCESSING STANDARDS THE LGUS SHALL SHARE AND USE.

THE DILG SHALL, IN COORDINATION WITH THE PSA, BE IN CHARGE OF PROVIDING CAPACITY-BUILDING AND TRAINING SESSIONS FOR LGUS IN VIEW OF FULFILLING THE LATTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS ACT.

The DILG shall call on any other concerned agencies, civil society organizations (CSOs), or THE PRIVATE sector's), as it may deem necessary, to assist in carrying out its responsibilities under this Act."

SECTION 6. Section 7 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 7. Criteria.- For the purpose of this Act, TWO CRITERIA CATEGORIES SHALL BE APPLIED ON DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE: (1) "GOVERNANCE CRITERIA" WHICH EMPHASIZES PROCESSES AND INPUTS FOR STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNANCE, AND (2) "HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MERITOCRACY CRITERIA" WHICH FOCUSES ON GAUGING DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES THAT AN LGU IS EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE. The [areas] DIMENSIONS in [the] EACH criteria CATEGORY shall be understood and interpreted as follows:

"(1) GOVERNANCE CRITERIA

(a) x x x

(b) x x x

(c) x x x

(d) x x x

(e) x x x

(f) x x x

(g) x x x

(h) x x x

(i) x x x

(j) x x x

"(2) HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MERITOCRACY CRITERIA

(A)HEALTH AND SOCIAL DIMENSION - THIS DIMENSION MEASURES THE OVERALL QUALITY OF HEALTH WITHIN A LOCALITY THROUGH THE LONGEVITY OF LIFE OF ITS CONSTITUENTS.

(B) EDUCATION - THIS DIMENSION MEASURES THE ACCESS OF A LOCALITYS CONSTITUENTS TO QUALITY EDUCATION.

(C)STANDARD OF LIVING - THIS DIMENSION MEASURES THE LEVEL OF INCOME OF CONSTITUENTS AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN A LOCALITY

(D)PEACE AND ORDER AND PUBLIC SAFETY - THIS DIMENSION MEASURES THE PREVALENCE OF CRIMES ITHIN A LOCALITY.

E) INFLATION - THIS DIMENSION MEASURES INFLATION AND

ITS EFFECT ON A LOCALITY'S CONSTITUENTS.

EACH DIMENSION UNDER THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MERITOCRACY CRITERIA SHALL BE MEASURED USING A SET OF INDICATORS TO BE FORMULATED AND DETERMINED BY THE CONCERNED COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL BASED ON ACCEPTABLE NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, TOGETHER WITH THE DATA IN THE PHILIPPINE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT. IN DETERMINING SUCH, THE COUNCIL SHALL PRIORITIZE INDICATORS THAT CAN BE GENERATED FROM NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOURCES WITHOUT THE NEED FOR PRIMARY DATA GATHERING METHODOLOGIES SUCH AS STATISTICAL SURVEYS, CENSUS, AND REGISTERS.

THE SET OF INDICATORS FOR EACH DIMENSION SHALL BE USED TO COMPUTE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF EACH LGU AND ASSESS BASED ON THEIR RESPECTIVE HISTORICAL GROWTH OR PERFORMANCE SO THAT EACH LEVEL OF LGU COMPETES AGAINST ITSELF AND NOT AS AGAINST OTHER LGUS THE COUNCIL SHALL CONTINUOUSLY EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE STATISTICAL INDICATORS FOR THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MERITOCRACY CRITERIA AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE FOR PURPOSES OF FASTER DATA COLLECTION AND PROCESSING. THESE INDICATORS SHALL BE UPDATED ANNUALLY BY THE CONCERNED AGENCY AND SHARED WITH THE CONCERNED LGUS TO ENSURE THAT THE DATA EFFECTIVELY REFLECT THE KEY DIMENSIONS OF THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MERITOCRACY CRITERIA AS STIPULATED UNDER THIS ACT AND ARE MORE READILY TRANSPARENT AND ACCESSIBLE FOR EFFICIENT COLLECTION AND PROCESSING OF THE LGUS AND IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES.

The foregoing criteria may be expanded by the Council to align with the thrusts of the National Government and attune them [with] TO the changing times."

SECTION 7. Two new sections denominated as Section 7-A and Section 7-B, respectively, are inserted after Section 7 of the said Act to read as follows:

"SEC. 7-A. DATA COLLECTION. - LGUS SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS THE PRIMARY DATA COLLECTING AGENCY WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCALITIES.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, LGUS MAY OPT TO HIRE THE NECESSARY PERSONNEL, SUCH AS STATISTICIANS AND OTHERS, THE NUMBER AND POSITIONS OF WHICH SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL THROUGH THE REVISED IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE ISSUED THEREFOR.

CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 7 OF THIS ACT, DATA THAT MAY BE ACCESSED WITHOUT THE NEED FOR PRIMARY DATA- GATHERING METHODOLOGIES AS DESCRIBED ABOVE SHALL BE PRIORITIZED.

"SEC. 7-B. PERIODICITY OF DATA COLLECTION. - FOR THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MERITOCRACY CRITERIA UNDER SECTION 7 OF THIS

ACT, REGULAR AND SYNCHRONIZED DATA COLLECTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY LGUS ANNUALLY OR ON SHORTER PERIODS BASED ON THE LATEST AVAILABILITY OF IDENTIFIED INDICATORS. IN THE CONDUCT OF DATA COLLECTION, LGUS SHALL BE GIVEN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE APPROPRIATE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AS NEEDED.

TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, LGUS ARE EXPECTED TO MONITOR INDICATORS AT SHORTER INTERVALS AS IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT BECOMES MUCH MORE ESTABLISHED."

SECTION 8. Section 8 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. Requisites to Qualify for SGLG, - An LGU, which, according to the assessment of the DILG, complies, qualifies, and passes all assessment criteria as provided in Section 7 of this Act, AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL, shall be conferred and awarded the SGLG and granted the corresponding RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND MONETARY incentives as provided under Section 11 of this Act. IN ASSESSING AN LGU'S QUALIFICATION FOR THE SGLG, GREATER CONSIDERATION SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MERITOCRACY CRITERIA AS ENUMERATED UNDER SECTION 7 OF THIS ACT. SEVENTY PERCENT (70%) OF ANY NUMERICAL ASSESSMENT WEIGHT SHALL BE ASSIGNED TO THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MERITOCRACY CRITERIA WHILE THIRTY PERCENT (30%) SHALL BE FOR THE GOVERNANCE CRITERIA."

SECTION 9. Section 11 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 11. [The] SGLG [Incentive] Fund. -There is hereby created a special account under the General Appropriations Act (GAA) called the "SGLG Fund". The Fund shall be utilized only to pay out the incentives granted to LGUs [which] THAT qualify for the SGLG.

The Council established under Section 4 of this Act shall have the authority to determine the monetary incentives for LGUs based on the number of awardees. It shall also have the authority to re[-]evaluate and increase the amount of SGLG incentiveS to be awarded to LGUs. Provided, That, the increase shall be subject to the sufficiency of the Fund at the time the increment is implemented.

LGU RECOGNITION FOR THE SGLG SHALL BE CONDUCTED ANNUALLY. QUARTERLY OR BI-ANNUAL RECOGNITIONS CAN BE EXPLORED AS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS INCENTIVE BECOMES MUCH MORE ESTABLISHED. MONETARY INCENTIVES FOR LGUS UNDER THIS ACT MAY ALSO BE SOURCED FROM OTHER FUND ASSISTANCE SOURCES TO LGUS UNDER THE DILG OR OTHER AGENCIES.

LGUS EXPERIENCING PERSISTENT AND UNJUSTIFIABLE DECLINE IN THE INDICATORS IDENTIFIED UNDER THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT MERITOCRACY CRITERIA UNDER SECTION 7 OF THIS ACT MAY BE DISINCENTIVIZED IN THE FORM OF LOWER OR ZERO INCENTIVE: *PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THESE DECLINES ARE NOT DUE TO EXTERNAL SHOCKS, SUCH AS NATURAL CALAMITIES. PANDEMICS. OR UNFORESEEABLE EVENTS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE LGUS: PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT THE SPECIFIC BENCHMARKS OR STANDARDS*

ABOUT THE QUALIFYING PERCENTAGE DECREASE AND THE SUPPLEMENTARY CRITERIA WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL."

SECTION 10. Section 12 of the same Act Is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 12. Utilization and Limitations on Expenditures of the Incentives Under the SGLG Fund. -The use of the incentives paid out of the SGLG Fund shall be governed by the policies governing the utilization of the twenty percent (20%) of the annual [Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA)] NATIONAL TAX ALLOTMENT (NTA) for local development projects, the Annual Investment Program (AIP), and the Local Development Investment Program (LDIP),

The MONETARY incentives paid out of the SGLG Fund shall not be used for any of the following:

x x x “

SECTION 11. Section 14 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 14. Management and Administration of the SGLG Fund.- The SGLG Fund established under Section 11 of this Act shall be managed and administered by the DILG with the supervision of the Council. Appropriation to replenish the amount paid out from the Fund during the year [and/or} OR to augment the Fund shall be proposed by THE COUNCIL and ANNUALLY included in the budget-of the DILG under the GAA."

SECTION 12. Section 15 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 15. Guarantee of Local Government Autonomy, - The LOCAL AND FISCAL autonomy of LGUs, AS GUARANTEED UNDER THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, shall be respected at all times. Nothing in this Act shall be interpreted as limiting the autonomy of LGUs to establish policies and pursue programs and projects designed not only to qualify for the SGLG award but also to ensure the enjoyment of their constituency the right to life liberty. property, health, education, balanced and healthful ecology. among others, in the exercise of their POLICE power under the general welfare clause. THE CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE ON SUBSIDIARITY PURSUANT TO THE PRESIDENT'S SUPERVISION POWER OVER LGUS SHALL BE RESPECTED AT ALL TIMES."

SECTION 13. Section 16 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 16. SGLG Operating Fund, - The activities and operational expenses, other than the incentive payouts, related to the implementation of this Act shall be initially funded from the DILG's Performance Challenge Fund. Thereafter, the DILG shall include in its annual budget to be incorporated in the GAA (.) the items for the SGLG operating fund in the amount equivalent to [two percent (2%)] NOT LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT (5%) of the SGLG Fund."

SECTION 14. Data Privacy. This data collection system shall respect the fundamental human right of privacy, ensure data quality, and uphold data protection principles of legitimate purpose, transparency, and proportionality.

SECTION 15. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the members of the Council led by the DILG and the PSA, together with the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines and the Leagues of LGUs and local officials, shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 16. Separability Clause. If any provision or part of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 17. Repealing Clause. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders letters of instructions, administrative orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 18. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation
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