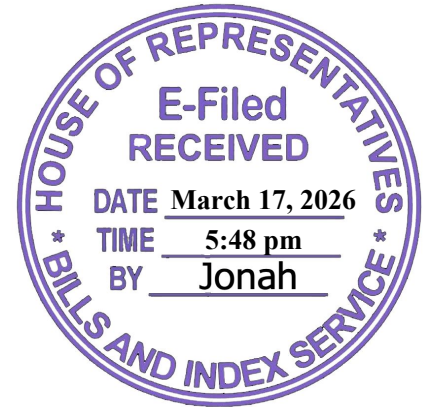


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. **8631**



Introduced by Representatives ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create Barangay Balili North in the Municipality of Mankayan, Province of Benguet, through the separation of a portion of the existing Barangay Balili. The measure aims to strengthen local governance, improve the delivery of basic public services, and promote the socio-economic development and general welfare of the residents within the affected communities.

Barangay Balili is one of the largest and most populated barangays in the Municipality of Mankayan. Over time, the increase in population and the wide territorial coverage of the barangay have created administrative and logistical challenges in delivering essential services efficiently to all residents. The creation of a new barangay will enable the local government to provide more responsive governance, facilitate better coordination in implementing development programs, and ensure that basic services reach communities in a timely and effective manner.

The proposed Barangay Balili North shall be composed of the sitios of Am-am, Paykek, Pangkikan, Nalicob, Agaki, Sayapot, and Tanobong, which presently form part of Barangay Balili. The remaining territory of the mother barangay shall constitute Barangay Balili South. The territorial boundaries of Barangay Balili North are clearly defined through technical descriptions based on surveys conducted by the appropriate government authorities to ensure proper delineation of jurisdiction.

The proposal to subdivide Barangay Balili into two (2) separate barangays originated from the Barangay Local Government Unit through Barangay Resolution No. 054, Series of 2019, dated August 23, 2019, which requested the creation of Barangay Balili North and Barangay Balili South. The proposal was subsequently endorsed by the Sangguniang Bayan of Mankayan through Resolution No. 2019-37, with the support of the Municipal Mayor as evidenced by the 1st Indorsement dated October 14, 2019. Thereafter, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Benguet enacted Provincial Ordinance No. 2021-274, dated June 30, 2021, which provided for the creation of Barangay Balili North in the Municipality of Mankayan, Province of Benguet.

Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, the creation of a local government unit must be ratified in a plebiscite to be conducted by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC). However, despite the enactment of the provincial ordinance and the expressed willingness of the Provincial Government of Benguet to shoulder the full cost of conducting the plebiscite, the said plebiscite was not conducted. As a result, the creation of Barangay Balili North has yet to be ratified and implemented.

Given the expressed support of the local government units concerned and the demonstrated need to enhance administrative efficiency and public service delivery in the area, it is necessary for Congress to enact this measure to formally create Barangay Balili North and provide for the conduct of the required plebiscite.

The establishment of Barangay Balili North will strengthen grassroots governance, promote greater community participation, and accelerate development initiatives in the Municipality of Mankayan.

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



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AN ACT
CREATING BARANGAY BALILI NORTH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
MANKAYAN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET

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

Section 1. Creation of Barangay Balili North. – There is hereby created a new barangay in the Municipality of Mankayan, Province of Benguet, to be known as Barangay Balili North, which shall be separated from the existing Barangay Balili.

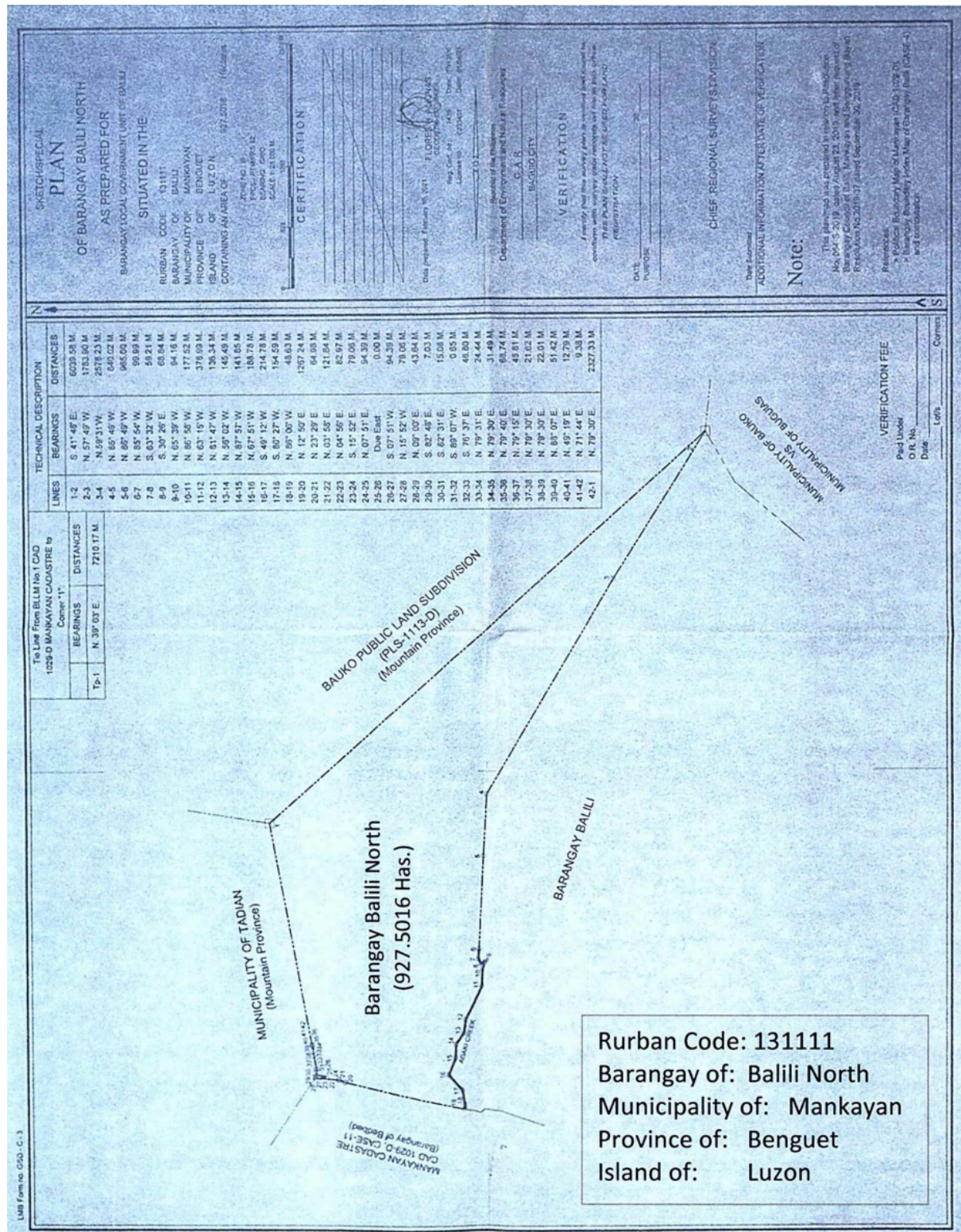
The creation of Barangay Balili North is intended to promote responsive governance and improve the delivery of basic services to the residents of the area, as well as to enhance socio-economic development, cultural advancement, and the general welfare of the people.

SEC. 2. Composition. - Barangay Balili North shall be composed of the following seven (7) sitios presently forming part of Barangay Balili in the Municipality of Mankayan, Province of Benguet:

1. Am-am
2. Paykek
3. Pangkikan
4. Nalicob
5. Agaki
6. Sayapot
7. Tanobong

The remaining territory of the mother barangay shall continue to constitute Barangay Balili South.

SEC. 3. Territorial and Political Jurisdiction. - The territorial and political jurisdiction of Barangay Balili North shall be defined by the following technical description and boundaries as surveyed and identified by the appropriate government authorities:



Technical Description:

LINES	BEARINGS	DISTANCE
1-2	S.41°48'E.	6039.58 M.
2-3	N.57°49'W.	1783.90 M.
3-4	N.59°31'W.	2578.23 M.

4-5	N.86°49'W.	640.02 M.
5-6	N.86°49'W.	965.00 M.
6-7	N.85°54'W.	99.99 M.
7-8	S.63°32'W.	59.21 M.
8-9	S.30°26'E.	68.84 M.
9-10	N.65°39'W.	94.16 M.
10-11	N.86°58'W.	177.52 M.
11-12	N.63°15'W.	378.99 M.
12-13	N.81°47'W.	136.34 M.
13-14	N.56°02'W.	145.49 M.
14-15	N.87°57'W.	141.85 M.
15-16	N.67°51'W.	188.78 M.
16-17	S.49°12'W.	214.78 M.
17-18	S.80°27'W.	154.59 M.
18-19	N.86°06'W.	48.63 M.
19-20	N.12°50'E.	1267.24 M.
20-21	N.23°29'E.	64.98 M.
21-22	N.03°58'E.	121.84 M.
22-23	N.04°56'E.	82.97 M.
23-24	S.15°52'E.	79.06 M.
24-25	N.07°51'E.	94.39 M.
25-26	Due East	0.00 M.
26-27	S.07°51'W.	94.39 M.
27-28	N.15°52'W.	79.06 M.
28-29	N.09°00'E.	43.64 M.
29-30	S.82°48'E.	7.03 M.
30-31	S.62°31'E.	15.08 M.
31-32	S.89°07'W.	0.65 M.
32-33	S.76°37'E.	46.80 M.
33-34	N.79°31'E.	24.44 M.
34-35	N.79°30'E.	31.49 M.
35-36	N.79°40'E.	68.74 M.
36-37	N.79°15'E.	45.81 M.
37-38	N.79°30'E.	21.62 M.
38-39	N.79°30'E.	22.01 M.
39-40	N.88°07'E.	51.42 M.
40-41	N.49°19'E.	12.79 M.
41-42	N.71°44'E.	9.38M.
42-1	N.79°30'E.	2327.33 M.

SEC. 4. Compliance with Statutory Requirements. - The creation of Barangay Balili North complies with the requirements set forth under Sections 385 and 386 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, including the population and territorial requirements for the creation of a barangay.

The proposal to subdivide Barangay Balili into two (2) separate barangays was initiated by the Barangay Local Government Unit through Barangay Resolution No. 054, Series of 2019, dated August 23, 2019, requesting the creation of Barangay Balili North and Barangay Balili South. The Sangguniang Bayan of Mankayan subsequently endorsed the proposal through Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 2019-37, with the support of the Municipal Mayor as evidenced by the 1st Indorsement dated October 14, 2019. Thereafter, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Benguet enacted Provincial Ordinance No. 2021-274, dated June 30, 2021, which provides for the creation of Barangay Balili North in the Municipality of Mankayan, Province of Benguet.

SEC. 5. Plebiscite. - The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall conduct and supervise a plebiscite within one hundred twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act for the purpose of ratifying the creation of Barangay Balili North. The plebiscite shall be conducted in the affected areas in accordance with Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160.

SEC. 6. Appointment of Barangay Officials. - Upon ratification of this Act in a plebiscite, the first set of barangay officials of Barangay Balili North shall be appointed by the Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Mankayan and shall serve until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified in the next regular barangay elections.

SEC. 7. Funding. - The amount necessary for the initial organization and operation of Barangay Balili North shall be charged against the current appropriations of the Municipality of Mankayan and/or the Province of Benguet.

The Province of Benguet shall provide an initial subsidy or assistance of not less than Two Million Pesos (₱2,000,000.00) for 5 years to cover the annual operating expenditures and capital outlays of the newly created barangay.

Thereafter, Barangay Balili North shall be entitled to its appropriate share in the National Tax Allotment (NTA) pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991.

SEC. 8. Powers and Functions. - Barangay Balili North and Barangay Balili South shall exercise the powers and perform the functions of a barangay as provided under Republic Act No. 7160, as well as other applicable laws, decrees, and regulations.

SEC. 9. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 10. Repealing Clause. - All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,