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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bangsamoro Parliament shall have the power to enact laws to promote, protect, and ensure the general welfare of the Bangsamoro people and other inhabitants in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region (Section 5, Article VII, RA No. 11054).

Among the many functions of the Bangsamoro Government is the promotion of economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the delivery of public services. With this, it is necessary to establish an effective government printing and publication system that will cater the printing needs of the Bangsamoro Government to fully serve its people.

The Bangsamoro Government produces a heavy volume of forms, files, and requirements on a daily basis. Hundreds, if not thousands, of papers are printed each day. Given this, a lot of expenses are allocated to the printing of these files and documents.

The proposed Bangsamoro Printing Office (BPO) is tasked with the printing of accountable forms and the high quality and volume of requirements of the Bangsamoro Government's ministries, offices and instrumentalities. Beside the forms and materials listed in this Bill, the BPO may also accept other Bangsamoro Government printing jobs, including government publications. Direct printing by the BPO will save funds of the Bangsamoro Government, as the necessary materials and printing will be procured and done by the office itself, thus saving the Bangsamoro Government from extra costs.

The BPO shall be under the Office of the Chief Minister (OCM) and will serve as the Bangsamoro Government's printing arm that will be able to provide all the printing needs of the Bangsamoro Government.

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

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**AN ACT CREATING THE BANGSAMORO PRINTING OFFICE,  
DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) Parliament of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao assembled:

**ARTICLE I**

**TITLE, POLICY, AND DEFINITIONS**

**Section 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “*Bangsamoro Printing Office Act*”.

**Section 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is a declared policy of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region that in the exercise of its right to self-governance, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region is free to pursue its political, social and cultural development as provided for in the Organic Law (Section 2, Article IV, R.A. No. 11054). The Bangsamoro Government shall exercise the power expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare (Section 3, Article V, R.A. No. 11054).

**Section 3. Purpose.** – The Bangsamoro Printing Office is created to efficiently provide all the printing needs of the government agencies and instrumentalities in the Bangsamoro Government. It shall provide printing services of the standard accountable and non-accountable forms of the Bangsamoro Government, government publications and educational or instructional materials that shall be used by Bangsamoro Learners as approved by the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE).

**Section 4. Definition of Terms.** – The following terms are defined, as used in this Act:

- a. *Accountable Forms* – shall refer to forms with money value and those specialized for the requisitioning officer of forms of general use by any ministry or office in the Bangsamoro Government or Local Government Units (LGUs).
- b. *Specialized Forms* – shall refer to forms with money value such as continuous forms with serial numbers, forms with peculiar or security features, forms with modulus numbering, forms requiring highly specialized paper or specific markings which the Office does not carry in stock, and other forms which are not listed in its Official List.
- c. *Standard Forms* – shall refer to prescribed forms being printed by the Office of general use by any ministry or office of the Bangsamoro Government or LGUs.
- d. *Educational or Instructional Materials* – any resource a teacher uses to help him/her teach his/her students. This includes

textbooks and workbooks and other supplemental reading materials.

- e. *Printed Matters* – shall refer to other forms not falling under any of the described forms.
- f. *Bangsamoro Printing Office* – the office which shall serve as the Bangsamoro Government’s printing arm tasked with the printing of Bangsamoro Government’s accountable forms and educational/ instructional materials issued by the MBHTE.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **CREATION AND SITE OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

**Section 5. Creation.** – There is hereby created an office to be known as the “Bangsamoro Printing Office” or the “Office”, which shall be under the Office of the Chief Minister (OCM).

**Section 6. Principal Office.** – The Office shall have its principal office in Cotabato City. It may also establish satellite branches to expedite the processing of requests from local government units and other government agencies.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND COMPOSITION OF THE OFFICE**

**Section 7. Powers and Functions.** – The Office shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. To provide all printing requirements of government agencies and it may accept other government printing jobs including publications and information materials;
- b. To recommend acquisition of, in any lawful manner, such personal or real property, or any interest or charges therewith; and

- c. Discharge other functions which may be deemed necessary, or may be provided by law, as related to the following specific functions:
  - i. Printing, binding and distribution of all standard and accountable forms of BARMM;
  - ii. Printing of books and other educational materials by the MBHTE; and
  - iii. Printing of public documents such as the Bangsamoro Gazette, Bangsamoro Appropriations Act, and development information materials of the Bangsamoro Government.

**Section 8. Organizational Structure.** – The Office shall be headed by an Executive Director who will be assisted by a Deputy Executive Director. There shall be at least two (2) divisions that will handle the administrative and technical operations of the Office.

The Executive Director shall be coterminous to the term of the appointing authority while the Deputy Executive Director shall be appointed on a permanent status.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **FISCAL SOURCES**

**Section 9. Source of Funds.** – The following shall constitute the sources of funds, which shall be remitted to the Bangsamoro Treasury Office:

- a. All revenues from printing and allied services operated by the Office;
- b. Proceeds of grants, donations, disposal of assets, and sale of obsolete forms and records, loans and other form of indebtedness entered into by the Office; and
- c. Interest which may be earned on investments.

This may be used as a benchmark in the allocation of budget of the office, when there is already a normalcy in its operation.

**ARTICLE V**  
**TAX EXEMPTIONS**

**Section 10. Record of Transactions.** – The Office shall keep proper accounts and records of all its transactions and affairs, and shall exert all efforts to ensure that all payments made out of its moneys are correctly made and properly authorized, and that adequate control is maintained over the assets of, or in the custody of, the Office and the expenditures incurred by the Office. The Office shall be subject to audit by the Commission on Audit.

**Section 11. Exemption from Taxes, Customs and Tariff Duties.** – The importation of printing equipment, machineries, spare parts, accessories, and other materials, including supplies and services used directly in the operations of the printing system, not obtainable locally on favorable terms, shall be exempt from all direct and indirect taxes, custom duties, fees, imports, tariff duties, compensating taxes, wharfage fees, and other charges and restriction, the provisions of existing laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**

**Section 12. Merit System.** – All officials and employees of the Office shall be selected and appointed on the basis of merit and fitness in accordance with civil service law, rules and regulations. The recruitment, transfer, promotion, and dismissal of all its personnel including temporary workers shall be governed by a merit system that will be established by the Office in compliance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

**Section 13. Appropriations.** – The regular budget of the Office shall be included in the succeeding Bangsamoro Appropriations Act (BAA) for its operations and functioning.

**Section 14. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The OCM shall issue within one hundred twenty days (120) days from the effectivity of this Act the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

The details of the organization, powers, functions, authorities, and related management aspects of the Office shall be provided in the implementing details of this Act.

**Section 15. Separability.** – Should any provision of this Act or any part thereof be declared invalid, the other provisions, insofar as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 16. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

**APPROVED.**

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