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EXPLANATORY NOTE

With the enactment of the Bangsamoro Organic Law and the creation of a new autonomous government in the Bangsamoro region stemmed a number of development opportunities to further improve the quality of life of the people within its jurisdiction.

Under the leadership of the Chief Minister and the adoption of moral governance as the Bangsamoro Government's leading policy guideline during this transition period, development and implementation of strong policy reforms and interventions are to be expected to ensure better service delivery and an inclusive governance paradigm, especially for the marginalized and vulnerable sectors in communities across the region.

Among these are the differently abled persons or Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) who represent a substantial segment of our society. Due to long-term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairments, they are generally considered highly vulnerable and confronted with challenges such as accessing education, healthcare, and exploring economic opportunities. Stigma, poor access to their physical environment, transportation, information, and communication, the lack of inclusive policies, support services, and social protection also count among the barriers they regularly face.

It is relevant to note that the Bangsamoro Organic Law provides for the establishment of a special agency, support facilities, and livelihood or skills training for persons with special needs, and other disadvantaged persons for their rehabilitation and productive integration into mainstream society. Although the Bangsamoro Government included in its annual appropriations several programs and projects to promote the welfare of differently abled

persons, such as the *Kalinga Para sa may Kapansanan Program* and the *Hadiya Package*, these may not be sufficient to address their needs.

Hence, this measure seeks to bring permanency and stability to the implementation of programs for the welfare of PWDs. This merely reinforces the commitment of the Bangsamoro Government to take care of, protect, and rehabilitate individuals, families, and communities in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, especially those who have less in life and those who need social welfare interventions to restore their normal functioning and enable them to participate in community affairs.

In order to address the issues differently abled persons are facing, the establishment of an institutional mechanism to ensure their protection and welfare is essential. In order to foster their capability to attain a more meaningful, productive, and satisfying life, the Bangsamoro Government must exert all efforts to remove all social, cultural, economic, and environmental barriers that are prejudicial to disabled persons.

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

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Section 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “*Bangsamoro Disability Welfare Act of 2022*”

Section 2. Declaration of Policy and Principles. – The Bangsamoro Government It is the declared policy of the Bangsamoro Government to recognize the valuable contributions of differently abled persons in nation-building and to promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, cultural, and social well-being.

Towards this end, it shall provide for a balanced and responsive approach to social welfare whereby the rights, needs, and interests of all citizens within its jurisdiction, with special focus on the marginalized and vulnerable sectors, including differently abled persons, are protected and addressed at all times, especially during the existence of a crisis, whether natural or human-induced, that affects their well-being and their participation in community affairs.

For this purpose, the Bangsamoro Government shall give its full support to the improvement of the total well-being of differently abled persons and their integration into the mainstream of society, thereby ensuring their rehabilitation, self-development, and self-reliance.

Section 3. Establishment of the Regional Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office. – There shall be established a Regional Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office (R-PDAO),

under the control and supervision of the Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD), which shall explore livelihood opportunities and other undertakings that shall enhance the health, physical fitness, economic and social well-being of Persons with Disabilities. It shall have the following functions:

- a. Formulate and implement policies, plans, and programs for the promotion of the welfare of differently abled persons;
- b. Coordinate the implementation of relevant programs at the local level, such as the Older Persons and Persons with Disability Welfare Program, the Kalinga Para sa may Kapansanan Program, the Hadiya Package, and the disability and dismemberment benefits program provided for Overseas Bangsamoro Workers;
- c. Coordinate the implementation of the provisions of Batas Pambansa 344, Republic Act No. 9994, Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, and their respective rules and regulations;
- d. Represent differently abled persons in meetings of the Bangsamoro Economic and Development Council (BEDC);
- e. Recommend and enjoin the participation of Non-Government Organizations in the implementation of disability-related laws and policies;
- f. Gather and compile relevant data on differently abled persons in all component BARMM local government units;
- g. Disseminate information including, but not limited to, programs and activities, as well as training and employment opportunities for differently abled persons;
- h. Submit reports to the Ministry of Social Services and Development on the implementation of programs and services for the promotion of the welfare of differently abled persons;
- i. Monitor fundraising activities being conducted for the benefit of differently abled persons;
- j. Perform such other functions as may be necessary for the promotion and protection of the welfare of differently abled persons.

Section 4. Appropriations. – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the budget of the MSSD in the annual Bangsamoro General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual GAA for BARMM.

Section 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the MSSD shall formulate and promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act. The implementing rules and regulations issued pursuant to this section shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Section 6. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Repealing Clause. – All laws, executive orders or issuances, or any parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 8. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication.

Adopted,

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