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Republic of the Philippines
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY
Cotabato City

BTA Cabinet Bill No. 27

Introduced by : The Government of the Day

**AN ACT PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS IN THE
BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION, ESTABLISHING THE
BANGSAMORO SPORTS COMMISSION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is a nation blessed with great potential in sports, as it is an integral element of our culture. Many Filipino athletes triumphed and bagged various awards and medals in amateur, Olympic and professional competitions in individual and team sports. With the common goal to contribute to national pride, sports development promotes intensive sports training and high quality education at the local level through our local government units.

Through Executive Order (EO) No. 01 dated August 20, 2001, the Regional Sports Coordinating Office (RSCO) in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, was created, pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 6734 (as amended by RA No. 9054). Furthermore, Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 287 expanded and strengthened the powers and functions of the RSCO, consistent with then Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao's declaration of policy "to develop and promote sports to foster physical and mental prowess and inculcate values of sportsmanship, understanding, cooperation, teamwork, camaraderie and goodwill."¹

With the successful enactment of RA No. 11054 otherwise known as "An Act Providing for the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, Article IX, Section 20 of the same allows the Bangsamoro Parliament to pass a law creating a Bangsamoro Sports Commission (BSC) which shall continue to uphold sports development in the newly created autonomous region. To further operationalize this goal and manage its transition, the Interim Chief Minister issued Executive Order No. 004, s. 2019 amending EO No. 01, s.2001 allowing the transition of the RSCO into the Bangsamoro Sports Commission (BSC).

However, despite the transformation of the RSCO into the BSC, it could not fully operate as it should during the period of transition due to the limited funding and personnel restrictions. The BSC had to make do with the meager appropriation for the RSCO in the previous administration that eventually hindered the implementation of programs and projects that could have immediately impacted on the success of the newly-installed Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA).

Based on the directive in the Bangsamoro Cabinet to commence activities toward the creation of offices mentioned in RA No. 11054, the Cabinet Committee on the Creation

¹ Section 9, Chapter 2, Title XIX of Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 287

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1 of Offices paved the way for the drafting of this bill, with the end in view of finally
2 establishing the BSC in the BTA.
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4 This bill does not only comply with the directive above-mentioned, but also seeks to
5 reiterate the BSC's mandate to sustain an integrated regional sports promotion and
6 development program in the BARMM. It also strengthens the agency by further defining
7 its functions of the BSC to coordinate with non-governmental organizations and the
8 private sector in pursuit of its mandate.
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10 This bill endeavors to give the BSC a more active role in the Bangsamoro bureaucracy,
11 which is no longer merely limited to sports coordination. It likewise addresses the
12 limited funding for the plans, programs and sports projects to be implemented by the
13 BSC.
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15 It should be noted that this bill was forged through revisiting the relevant provisions of
16 past and existing laws on sports policies in the country and in the region.
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18 With the aforementioned, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.
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22 **BANGSAMORO CABINET**
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2 Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
3 BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT
4 Cotabato City
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7 FIRST CABINET
8 BILL NO. 27
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10 Held in Cotabato City on the ____th day of _____, 2019, Gregorian calendar
11 and _____th day of _____, 1439, Hijra calendar.
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13 Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Parliament in a session assembled.
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16 **BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION, ESTABLISHING THE**
17 **BANGSAMORO SPORTS COMMISSION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**
18 **AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**
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20 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in Parliament
21 assembled, as follows:
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23 **Section 1. Title of the Act.** - This Act shall be known as “The Bangsamoro Sports
24 Commission Act of 2019”.

25 **Section 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the Bangsamoro government
26 to promote physical education, encourage and sustain the development of sports in the
27 country to foster physical fitness, self-discipline, teamwork and excellence for the
28 development of a healthy and alert citizenry.

29 Attuned with this, the Bangsamoro Government aims to develop and promote sports to
30 foster physical and mental prowess and inculcate values of sportsmanship,
31 understanding, cooperation, teamwork, camaraderie and goodwill. As such, it shall
32 encourage and support sports programs, league competitions, indigenous games,
33 martial arts, and amateur sports, including training for regional, national, and
34 international competitions.

35 **Section 3. Creation of the Bangsamoro Sports Commission (BSC).** – In
36 pursuance of the above mentioned policy, the Bangsamoro Sports Commission,
37 hereinafter referred to as the Commission, is hereby created which shall be the lead
38 agency to implement the provisions of this Act. For purposes of general policy and
39 program coordination, supervision and direction, the BSC shall remain a regional
40 agency attached to the Office of the Chief Minister.

41 **Section 4. Objectives of the Commission.**- The Commission shall have the
42 following objectives:
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- 44 (a) To provide leadership, formulate the policies and set the priorities and direction
45 of BARMM’s sports promotion and development, particularly giving emphasis on
46 grassroots participation and sports excellence;
47 (b) To encourage wide participation of all sectors, government and private, in sports
48 promotion and development;
49 (c) To support Bangsamoro athletes in their quest to bring honor and glory to the
50 Bangsamoro;
51 (d) To conduct basic and applied research relevant to physical education and sports;

- 1 (e) To establish and maintain linkages with international and national sports
2 development institutions and organizations for continuing upgrading of sports
3 manpower of the Bangsamoro people; and
4 (f) To perform such other functions and exercise such other powers necessary to
5 carry out the provisions of this Act.

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7 **Section 5. Mandate of the Commission.** - The Commission is mandated to sustain
8 an integrated regional sports promotion and development program in the BARMM.²
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10 The Commission shall design and assist in the implementation of programs such as but
11 not limited to seminars and congresses for the purpose of promoting sports and
12 maintaining and supporting a pool of athletes in the Bangsamoro region.
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15 **Section 6. Powers and Functions of the Commission.** – The Commission shall
16 have the following powers and functions:

- 17 (a) Plan, implement and oversee the integrated sports promotion and development
18 program for the region;
19 (b) Coordinate and maintain linkages with the Philippine Sports Commission,
20 Manila, National Sports Commission or organizations of other countries, and
21 other non- governmental organizations, local or foreign, whose main objective is
22 sports promotion and development;
23 (c) Establish and maintain fully-equipped sports facilities and centers in strategic
24 places in the area of autonomy and supervise the management and maintenance
25 thereof;
26 (d) Formulate rules and regulations for the different sports competition defining and
27 delineating areas of responsibilities of all sectors involved in sports promotion
28 and development;
29 (e) Provide such incentives, recognition and awards to deserving athletes and other
30 persons and entities involved in or supporting sports development as may be
31 permissible under the rules of amateurism;
32 (f) Undertake basic and applied research on sports development, particularly the
33 promotion and preservation of indigenous sports;
34 (g) Assist in the establishment of regional, provincial, municipal and barangay or
35 school district sports promotion and development councils, which shall initiate,
36 conduct and coordinate sports activities in their respective jurisdictions;
37 (h) Assist LGUs in promoting sports at the community level, especially those
38 included in the calendar of events of regional, national and international
39 competitions; and
40 (i) Perform such other functions as may be provided by law.

41 **Section 7. Composition of the Commission and Term of Office.** – The
42 Commission En Banc shall be composed of a Chairperson and two (2) Commissioners,
43 all of whom shall be appointed by the Chief Minister.
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45 The term of office of the Chairperson and the two (2) Commissioners shall be co-
46 terminus with the appointing Chief Minister: *Provided, however,* That they shall remain
47 in office until their replacements shall have been appointed or an Officer-in-Charge has
48 been designated.
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50 **Section 8. Qualifications of the Chairperson and the Commissioners.** – The
51 Chairperson and the Commissioners must be citizens of the Philippines, residents of the
52 Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, bonafide members of associations or an advocacy
53 group pushing for the rights, welfare and development of the field of sports. They must

² Section 10, Chapter 2, Title XIX of Muslim Mindanao Autonomy Act No. 287

1 be holders of a college degree or have relevant experience in the field of sports, and of
2 good moral character.

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4 **Section 9. The Executive Director, Functions Term of Office.** - There shall be
5 an Executive Director, appointed by the Chief Minister, who shall be responsible for
6 implementing the policies, rules, regulations and directives of the Commission and shall
7 direct and supervise its day-to-day operation. The Executive Director shall have
8 supervision and control over the Coordination and Support Services Unit, and
9 Administrative and Finance Services Unit.

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11 The specific functions of the Executive Director are as follows:

- 12 a. Execute the policies and measures approved by the Commission En Banc and
13 be responsible for the efficient and effective day-to-day management of the
14 operations of the BSC.
15 b. Prepare the annual budget for the operations of BSC for submission to the
16 Commission En Banc;
17 c. Prepare an annual report on the accomplishments of BSC for submission to
18 the Commission En Banc, the Parliament and other appropriate agencies of
19 the Bangsamoro Government;
20 d. Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Commission En
21 Banc.

22 The Executive Director shall serve for a fixed term of four (4) years, subject to
23 reappointment.

24 **Section 10. Qualifications of Executive Director.** - No person shall be appointed
25 as Executive Director of the Commission unless a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of
26 the Bangsamoro autonomous region, at least 30 years of age, of good moral character a
27 college graduate, and has at least three (3) years of relevant experience in any of the
28 following fields: sports development, law; economics; public administration,
29 commerce; management; social services; or finance.

30 **Section 11. Functions and Responsibilities of Officers and Staff.** - The
31 Administrative and Finance Services Unit shall be primarily responsible for providing
32 services related to financial management, personnel, records, supplies and equipment,
33 while the Coordination and Support Services Unit shall be primarily responsible for
34 plans and programs formulation, research, public information and production,
35 transportation, communications and such other functions and responsibilities as may be
36 necessary and required by the Commission.

37 **Section 12. Appointment of Staff and Employees of the Commission.** - The
38 staff, officers and employees of the Commission shall be appointed by the Chairperson
39 of the Commission.

40 **Section 13. Assistance by Bangsamoro Government Entities.** - The
41 Commission may call upon any Bangsamoro Government entity for assistance in the
42 performance of its functions and duties. All heads of ministries, agencies, and offices of
43 the Bangsamoro Government are hereby enjoined to render full assistance and
44 cooperation to the Commission to ensure the attainment of its objectives and the
45 success of the regional sports development program.

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47 **Section 14. Appropriations.** - The financial requirements to implement this Act and
48 to support the Commission's operations, in pursuit of its sports development programs,
49 shall be covered by an annual appropriation taken from the Annual Block Grant, passed
50 by the Bangsamoro Parliament.
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1 Special committees and councils organized by ministries, line agencies or
2 offices that are specified in this Act are considered to be under the umbrella of
3 the BEDC. Their role shall be to assist the BEDC in coordinating, monitoring and
4 evaluating their respective specific concerns. The secretariat functions to these
5 bodies shall be provided by the laws or lead agency that organized the said special
6 council/committee.
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8 **SECTION 15. Internal Rules and Regulations** – The BEDC, in its
9 first regular session, shall promulgate and adopt its internal rules and regulations
10 including details on house rules on decorum to regulate the individual member
11 action during the meeting. The internal rules and regulations, provided for under
12 this Act shall be reviewed periodically, and revised, if necessary.
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14 **SECTION 16. Appropriations** – Funds necessary for BEDC operations
15 shall be included in the annual appropriations of the BARMM submitted to the
16 Parliament for approval, subject to the usual auditing rules and regulations.

17 **SECTION 17. Separability** – If, for any reason/s, any part or provision
18 of this law shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or
19 provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force
20 and effect.

21 **SECTION 18. Repealing Clause** – All other regional laws, decrees,
22 orders, issuances, rules, and regulations which are inconsistent with the
23 provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

24 **SECTION 19. Effectivity** – This law shall take effect fifteen days after
25 publication in the newspaper of general circulation in the Bangsamoro
26 Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.
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30 **ATTY.PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG**
31 Speaker of the Parliament
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34 This Act was finally passed into law on _____, 2019
35 Gregorian Calendar and _____th day of _____, 1439, Hijra Calendar.
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38 **RABY ANGKAL**
39 Secretary General
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42 **AHOD BALAWAG EBRAHIM**
43 Interim Chief Minister
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1 **Section 15. Transitory Provision.** – Upon approval of this Act, the incumbent
2 Chairperson and the two (2) Commissioners, as well as the Executive Director,
3 appointed by the interim Chief Minister shall continue to office until the expiration of
4 their term as provided herein.

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6 During the transition period under the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, appointed
7 officials and employees of the Commission who do not have the required eligibility shall
8 be granted a reasonable period within which to meet the eligibility requirements,
9 pending which they shall be allowed to continue discharging their duties.

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11 **Section 16. Repealing Clause.** – All previous laws, Executive Orders, other decrees,
12 and rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or
13 modified accordingly.

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15 **Section 17. Separability Clause.** – Should any provision of this Act be found
16 unconstitutional by a court of law, such provision shall be severed from the remainder of
17 this Act, and such action shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of
18 this Act.

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20 **Section 19. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
21 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the
22 Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

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APPROVED:

ALI PANGALIAN BALINDONG

Speaker

This Act was passed by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament on
_____, 2019.

PROF. RABBY ANGKAL
Secretary-General

Approved:

AHOD BALAWAG IBRAHIM, Al-Hadj
Chief Minister