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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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11 Sustainable Development is a worldwide concern and so the
12 Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. The concept of sustainable development
13 has undergone various development phases since its introduction. The
14 history of sustainable development has started as early as in 1962 up to
15 date. On September 27, 2015, the UN member-states adopted a new set
16 of goals for the next 15 years. These goals, known as the Sustainable
17 Development Goals (SDGs) 2030, aim to build on the gaps of the MDGs,
18 fill in the gaps, and address new challenges. Thereafter, the National
19 Government has subsequently crafted Philippine Development Plan (PDP)
20 2017-2022 and recognized that it needed to transform the world by
21 ensuring sustainable development and leaving no one behind in order to
22 live "THE LIFE WE WANT".

23 In line with this and by virtue of "Inclusivity Principle", the right of
24 the Bangsamoro people to healthful and ecological balance recognized by
25 no less than the 1987 Philippine Constitution and R.A. 11054 must be
26 protected more particularly, the rights of the next generations. In fact, the
27 future generations are the concerns to be taken care of not only by the
28 people but also by the Bangsamoro Government to help and sustain the
29 environment.

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1 Republic Act 11054 has mandated the parliament to create
2 Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Board composed of representatives
3 from the National Government and the Bangsamoro Government. The
4 Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Board shall ensure the integration
5 and harmonization of economic, social and environmental considerations
6 as vital dimensions of sustainable development policy and practice in the
7 Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

8 Hence, this bill seeks to establish the Bangsamoro Sustainable
9 Development Board, defining its powers and functions, providing funds
10 therefor and for other purposes.

11 In view of the foregoing, the passage of the bill is earnestly requested.

AN ACT

CREATING THE BANGSAMORO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*Be it enacted by the members of the BTA Parliament of the
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao in session
assembled:*

12 Sec.1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “**The**
13 ***Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Board Act of 2020***”.

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15 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policies.* The Bangsamoro Government
16 declares the following policies:

- 17 a. To protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and
18 healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of
19 nature.
- 20 b. To protect and improve the quality of life of its inhabitants
21 through careful planning of the development of the Bangsamoro
22 Autonomous Region, taking into consideration the ecological
23 balance and the natural resources that are available for its use
24 for the use of future generations.
- 25 c. It shall promote the effective use of economic resources and
26 endeavor to attain economic development, and social justice.

- 1 d. It shall likewise provide equitable opportunities for the
2 development of constituent local government units and shall
3 strengthen governance systems to ensure people’s participation.
- 4 e. It shall ensure every Filipino in its territorial jurisdiction the
5 provision of the basic necessities and equal opportunities in life.
6 Social justice shall be promoted in all aspects of life and phases
7 of development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.
- 8 f. It recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building.
- 9 g. It recognizes the important role of women in nation-building and
10 regional development, ensuring representation of women in other
11 decision-making and policy determining bodies of the
12 Bangsamoro Government.
- 13 h. It recognizes and promotes the rights of non-Moro indigenous
14 peoples within the framework of the Constitution and national
15 laws.

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17 Sec. 3. *Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Board.* - There is
18 hereby created and established the Bangsamoro Sustainable Development
19 Board, hereinafter referred to as the “Board”, which shall ensure the
20 integration and harmonization of economic, social, and environmental
21 considerations as vital dimensions of sustainable development policy and
22 practice in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

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24 Sec. 4. *Composition.* - The Board shall be composed of
25 representatives from the National Government and the Bangsamoro
26 Government. The Board shall be chaired by the Minister of Ministry of
27 Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE) and the members
28 of the Board shall be as follows:

- 29 a) Executive Secretary of its equivalent position;
30 b) Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform;
31 c) Minister of Interior and Local Government;
32 d) Minister of Science and Technology;
33 e) Minister of Trade, Investments and Tourism;
34 f) Minister of Indigenous Peoples ‘Affairs;

- 1 g) Bangsamoro Youth Commission;
- 2 h) Bangsamoro Women Commission; and
- 3 i) Director-General of the Bangsamoro Planning and
- 4 Development Office.

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6 *Provided that*, the National Government shall nominate its

7 representatives to the Board.

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9 *Sec. 5. Powers and Functions.* – The Board shall have the following

10 powers and functions:

- 11 a) Develop a comprehensive framework for sustainable
- 12 development through the proper conservation, utilization, and
- 13 development of natural resources;
- 14 b) Provide measures for environmental justice and governance, as
- 15 well as for the reduction of the vulnerability of women and
- 16 marginalized groups to climate change and variability;
- 17 c) Monitor and review the implementation of the policies, plans
- 18 and programs to be adopted;
- 19 d) To conduct investigation in cases of irregularities which may
- 20 arise in the implementation of the policies, plans and programs
- 21 such as but not limited to conservation, rehabilitation,
- 22 exploration, development and utilization of the natural
- 23 resources within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region and
- 24 initiate appropriate action thereof;
- 25 e) Promote the effective use of economic resources and endeavor
- 26 to attain economic development that facilitates growth and full
- 27 employment, human development, and social justice;
- 28 f) Call upon any representative from the National Government
- 29 agencies operating within the jurisdiction of the Bangsamoro
- 30 Autonomous Region, or any representative of the Local
- 31 Government Units or the private sector for such opinions or
- 32 advice on relevant issues and concerns affecting sustainable
- 33 development policies, programs and projects; and
- 34 g) Perform such other functions as may be directed by competent
- 35 authority.

1 Sec. 6. *Technical Support Staff.* – There is hereby created a Technical
2 Support Staff, hereinafter referred to as “TSS” that shall assist the Board
3 in the discharge of its duties and responsibilities.

4 The TSS shall be under the Ministry of Environment, Natural
5 Resources and Energy and shall be headed by a Director. The TSS shall
6 be composed of technical, administrative and finance division.

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8 Sec. 7. *Board Meeting.* – The Board shall meet at least once every
9 quarter at such time, place and date as may be determined and fixed by
10 it. *Provided that*, there shall be, in all its meetings, prior notices served to
11 all the members thereof.

12 A simple majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a
13 quorum to do business. The Board shall adopt its own internal rules and
14 regulations in the conduct of its business. Every member of the Board
15 shall be entitled to traveling expenses and honorarium for every meeting
16 attended in an amount to be fixed by the Board.

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18 Sec. 8. *Appropriations.* – The funding support for the operation of the
19 Board shall be included in the annual budget of the Bangsamoro
20 Government. Further, an amount equivalent to ____ per cent of the
21 revenues collected from the exploration, development, and utilization of
22 any natural resources within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region shall
23 be allocated for the operation of the Board. *Provided that*, the said amount
24 allocated shall not be included in the amount to be deducted from the
25 block grant under Section 21, Article XII of the Organic Law for the
26 Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, hereinafter
27 referred to as “Organic Law”.

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29 Sec. 9. *Separability.* - If for any cause any part of this Act is declared
30 unconstitutional or contrary to the provisions of the Organic Law, the
31 remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in
32 force and effect.

1 Sec. 10. *Effectivity*. - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
2 following the completion of its publication in a newspaper of general
3 circulation in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

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