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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**AN ACT CREATING THE BANGSAMORO ANTI-POVERTY COMMISSION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**ARTICLE II. 1987 CONSTITUTION**

**Section 9.** *The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.*

**Section 10.** *The State shall promote social justice in all phases of national development.*

**ARTICLE VII. REPUBLIC ACT 11054 - BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT**

***Administrative Organization***

**Section 38. Organization of the Bureaucracy.** - *The Bangsamoro Government shall have the power to create offices and organize its own bureaucracy. It may establish other offices and institutions necessary for the exercise of its functions and delivery of social services in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.*


A social perspective on development requires addressing poverty in all its dimensions. It promotes people-centered approach to poverty elimination advocating the empowerment of people living in poverty through their full participation in all aspects of political, economic and social life, especially in the design and implementation of policies that affect the poorest and most vulnerable groups of society. An integrated strategy towards poverty elimination necessitates implementing policies geared to more equitable distribution of wealth and income and social protection coverage.

Hence, the urgency to focus on the elimination of hunger and extreme poverty in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao is impelled by the impending fiscal crisis and the state of poverty of at least one third of the region's population.

Poverty elimination is the responsibility not only of the Bangsamoro government but must also be the concern of all sectors of society, and, therefore, who should all link arms and unite in the fight against poverty; that, pursuant to this Act, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region should create the Bangsamoro Anti-Poverty Commission for purposes of poverty data collection of all poverty alleviation programs of the Ministries and agencies as the over-arching strategy in poverty reduction.

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

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**SECTION 1. Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “**Bangsamoro Anti-Poverty Act of 2022**”.

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the policy of the Bangsamoro government to alleviate poverty through policies that will provide the delivery of adequate social services to improve the quality of life of the Bangsamoro people.

Pursuant to this Act, the Bangsamoro government recognizes the need to adopt focused and specific measures that will ensure poverty reduction through stringent monitoring of poverty alleviation program implementations.

**SECTION 3. Coverage.** – This Act shall cover impact monitoring of all poverty alleviation programs within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

**SECTION 4. Creation.** – There is hereby created a Bangsamoro Anti-Poverty Commission (BAPC), hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”.

Towards this end, the Bangsamoro government shall create a "Bangsamoro Anti-Poverty Commission" which generates updated and disaggregated data necessary in targeting beneficiaries, conducting more comprehensive poverty analysis and needs prioritization, designing appropriate policies and interventions, and monitoring impact over time.

This data collection shall respect the fundamental human right of privacy, ensure data quality, and uphold data protection principles of legitimate purpose, transparency, and proportionality.

**SECTION 5. *General Objective.*** – The Bangsamoro Anti-Poverty Commission aims to assess the success of poverty alleviation programs in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

**SECTION 6. *Purpose.*** – This Act enables the Bangsamoro government to have an economic and social tool to measure the success of implementation of poverty alleviation and development programs.

**SECTION 7. *Definition of Terms.*** – As used in this Act:

- a. *Data* refers to the information to be collected by the BAPC which includes the compendium of facts, figures, and maps in relation with the identified target indicators of poverty such as health, nutrition, water, sanitation, shelter, education, income, employment, security, and community participation; and
- b. *Minimum Basic Needs* refers to the services programs of the Bangsamoro government Ministries and agencies that addresses person's basic rights. These are, but not limited to, the right to adequate food, right to decent work, right to relevant and quality education, right to adequate housing and the right to the highest attainable standard of health.

**SECTION 8. *Composition.*** – The Commission shall be composed of the following:

- a. Chief Minister - Ex-officio Chairperson
- b. Ex-officio Vice Chairpersons:
  - b.1. Minister of Ministry of Labor and Employment
  - b.2. Minister of Ministry of Social Services and Development
  - b.3. Director General of Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority
- c. Members:
  - c.1. Minister of Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education
  - c.2. Minister of Ministry of Health

- c.3. Minister of Ministry of Science and Technology
- c.4. Minister of Ministry of Human Settlements and Development
- c.5. Minister of Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform
- c.6. Minister of Ministry of the Interior and Local Government
- c.7. Minister of Ministry of Trade, Investments and Tourism
- c.8. Minister of Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs
- c.9. Minister of Ministry of Transportation and Communication
- c.10. Minister of Ministry of Public Works
- c.11. Minister of Ministry of Public Order and Safety
- c.12. Minister of Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy
- c.13. Minister of Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management
- c.14. Head of Cooperative and Social Enterprise Authority

d. The Commission shall be assisted by a Secretariat whose Head shall be appointed by the Chief Minister upon recommendation of the Commission.

**SECTION 9. *Functions of the Commission.*** – The Commission shall exercise the following, to wit:

- a. Develop and review data collection forms;
- b. Monitor, oversee, and coordinate the impact of poverty alleviation programs in the region;
- c. Ensure the success of the implementation of poverty alleviation programs of the Bangsamoro government in the provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays;
- d. Process the data generated and submitted by the ministries and other agencies;
- e. Submit semi-annual report to the Office of the Chief Minister and to the Bangsamoro Parliament;
- f. Analyze, study and conduct research on the poverty alleviation programs in order to meet the minimum basic needs of the people;
- g. Recommend measures on poverty alleviation programs of the Ministries and other agencies; and
- h. Perform such other functions as may be necessary or incidental to the proper implementation of this Act.

**SECTION 10. *Organizational Structure of the BAPC*** – The Commission shall be composed of the following Bureaus and Services, to wit:

- a. Administration and Finance Services;
- b. Data Collection and Monitoring Bureau;
- c. Research and Planning Services;
- d. Poverty Alleviation Programs Bureau;
- e. Information and Evaluation Services; and
- f. Other Bureaus, Services or Offices as may be necessary to carry out the objectives of this Act.

Every bureau and services shall have at least two divisions which shall be headed by a director and division chief, respectively.

**SECTION 14. *Data Collection.*** – Each Ministry and other agencies are the primary data collecting authority within its office. The Commission shall be copy furnished thereof.

**SECTION 15. *Periodicity of Data Collection.*** – Regular and synchronized data collection shall be in accordance with the existing guidelines implemented by the said ministries or agencies.

**SECTION 16. *Storage and Access of Data.*** – The Commission and the Ministries or agencies are allowed to maintain their own database for use in local level planning and program implementation.

The Commission shall receive and store all aggregated data gathered by the Ministries to create databank of collated information. It shall undertake measures to ensure the integrity and safety of the gathered information against unnecessary leakage and access by unauthorized persons.

**SECTION 17. *Social Protection.*** – The appropriate Bangsamoro government ministries and agencies shall use the data generated by the Commission in prioritizing timely, relevant and much-needed social protection programs of government in areas identified to have the highest incidence of poverty.

**SECTION 18. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current appropriations of the BARMM and to carry out the functions and powers of the BAPC including the acquisition of its office facilities and equipment as provided in this Act, an amount of Two Hundred Million pesos (PhP 200,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated. Thereafter, such sums as may be needed for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 19. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Bangsamoro Anti-Poverty Commission, the Ministry of Social Services and Development, the Ministry of Labor and Employment, the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform, and the Ministry of Finance, and Budget Management, in coordination with other concerned agencies implementing services programs shall promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.



**SECTION 20. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 21. *Repealing Clause.*** – Any law, presidential decree, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 22. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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