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23 **Explanatory Note**
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26 Section 1, Article VII of the Bangsamoro Organic Law provides that *“The*
27 *Parliament shall fix by law the permanent seat of the Bangsamoro Government*
28 *anywhere within the territorial jurisdiction of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region*
29 *taking into consideration accessibility and efficiency in which its mandate may be*
30 *carried out under this Organic Law.”*

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32 Further, Section 9, Chapter 2, Book I of the Bangsamoro Administrative
33 Code also provides that *“The seat of the Bangsamoro Government shall be in*
34 *Cotabato City, unless otherwise provided by the Bangsamoro Parliament in a*
35 *subsequent law.”*

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37 The current Bangsamoro Government Center is located at the Office of the
38 Regional Governor (ORG) compound where the seat of the defunct Autonomous
39 Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) was situated for many long years. The
40 structures of this Bangsamoro Government Center have been the witness of the
41 previous generations of governors, assemblymen, and other public officials.
42 Obviously, the organizational structure of the defunct ARMM was not as huge

43 as the mandate provided by the Bangsamoro Organic Law to the reigning
44 Bangsamoro Government of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim
45 Mindanao. The compound is then sufficient to accommodate the not so huge
46 number of officials and employees of the ARMM government working at the
47 Bangsamoro Government Center. In contrast, at present the current
48 Bangsamoro Government Center is insufficient to accommodate all the eighty
49 (80) Members of the Parliament, Office of the Chief Minister, various BARMM
50 Ministries, all BARMM Offices and its attached agencies. Consequently, some
51 Office of Members of the Parliament, BARMM Ministries, and other BARMM
52 agencies are situated outside the ORG compound.

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54 Since the commencement of the Bangsamoro Organic Law and its political
55 engagement in May 2019 the traffic congestions particularly at Governor
56 Gutierrez Street heading to the ORG compound could not compliment with the
57 traffic policies such as number coding scheme and other strategies of the traffic
58 enforcers. The effort is not enough to manage the daily traffic along Governor
59 Gutierrez Street considering that within the vicinity several schools, malls,
60 barter trade, and other business centers are situated. Obviously, due to traffic
61 congestion, sending and distributing pertinent documents, communications,
62 and information to various BARMM Offices, Ministries, and Agencies outside the
63 current BGC compound is time consuming that most of the time prejudices the
64 performance and result of other needed mandates.

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66 This Proposed Bill contemplates an establishment of a permanent
67 Bangsamoro Government Center in another place within Cotabato City. This
68 measure mandates the Bangsamoro Government to purchase a vast of land
69 where a much wider Parliament Session Hall is to be established, legislative
70 office of the eighty (80) Members of the Parliament, Office of the Chief Minister,
71 BARMM Ministries, and BARMM Offices and its attached agencies will be
72 accommodated in a one strategic area. It contemplates further for a sufficient
73 parking space for the vehicles of eighty (80) Members of the Parliament, BARMM
74 employees, visitors, guests, diplomats, and other dignitaries so as not to cause
75 obstruction and turmoil on the parking site within the proposed Bangsamoro
76 Government Center and prevent tardiness due to traffic congestions to many
77 employees.

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79 This proposed measure also brings an opportunity for economic growth in
80 the area where the permanent Bangsamoro Government Center may be situated.
81 Aside from a more convenient workplace, a business center such as but not
82 limited to food hubs, convenience stores, and amenities may be embraced
83 therein. Beyond easing the congestion within the Governor Gutierrez Street, the
84 permanent Bangsamoro Government Center is expected to spread development

85 to other parts of Cotabato City, generate jobs for other constituents and help the
86 economy achieve sustainable growth.

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88 Also, this proposed measure mandates for the creation of a special
89 committee, a Technical Working Group (TWG), a group responsible to provide
90 necessary information and data such as but not limited to the identification of
91 the location, cost of the construction, and other pertinent statistics in the
92 furtherance of the study and success of this proposal.

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94 It is my fervent hope that by enacting this Proposed Bill the opportunities
95 to have a well-planned Bangsamoro Government Center with modern facilities
96 and technology to enhance government efficiency and productivity will be
97 boundless.

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

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143 *Be it enacted by the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao,*
144 *Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) Interim Parliament.*
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146 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the “**BANGSAMORO**
147 **GOVERNMENT CENTER 2024**”.

148 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the
149 Bangsamoro Government to ensure efficient delivery of government services
150 through continuous development of its infrastructure and innovative
151 improvements in the delivery of its services. Thus, it is imperative for the
152 government to make necessary measures to provide and ensure smooth
153 operation of government processes and to ease congestions at Governor
154 Gutierrez Avenue. Towards this goal, the Bangsamoro Government shall enact
155 a measure for the establishment of a permanent Bangsamoro Government
156 Center of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao in some
157 other place within Cotabato City. This shall also spur development in the other
158 portion of the city and deliver more efficient and effective government services.

159 **SECTION 3. Objective.** – The objective of this Act is to establish a permanent
160 Bangsamoro Government Center of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in
161 Muslim Mindanao to other part within Cotabato City and separate it from the

162 commercial, financial center and schools within the area of Governor Gutierrez
163 Avenue to create opportunities for progress and spur development in the other
164 portion of the city, while reducing traffic congestion within its current location.

165 **SECTION 4. *Establishment of Bangsamoro Government Center.*** – The
166 Bangsamoro Government Center shall be fully established by 2024 in any place
167 within Cotabato City. The Bangsamoro Government Center shall be established
168 for the following offices:

- 169 a) Bangsamoro Parliament Session Hall;
170 b) BARMM Legislative Office of the eighty (80) Members of the
171 Parliament;
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173 c) Office of the Chief Minister and attached offices;
174 i. Deputy Chief Minister
175 ii. Senior Minister;
176 iii. Cabinet Secretary;
177 iv. Chief of Staff;
178 v. Attorney General;
179 vi. Assistant Senior Minister;
180 vii. Administrative Management Service;
181 viii. Finance, Budget, and Management Service;
182 ix. Intelligence Security Services;
183 x. Information and Communication Technology Office;
184 xi. Human Resource Management Division;
185 xii. Procurement Services;
186 xiii. Records Division;
187 xiv. Bangsamoro Library and Archives;
188 xv. Accounting Division;
189 xvi. Budget Division;
190 xvii. Cash Division;
191 xviii. Internal Audit Office.
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193 d) BARMM Ministries;
194 i. Ministry of Public Works;
195 ii. Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education;
196 iii. Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and
197 Energy;
198 iv. Ministry of Labor and Employment;
199 v. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform;
200 vi. Ministry of Interior and Local Government;
201 vii. Ministry of Indigenous People’s Affairs;
202 viii. Ministry of Finance, Budget, and Management;
203 ix. Ministry of Human Settlement and Development;

- 204 x. Ministry of Public Order and Safety;
205 xi. Ministry of Health;
206 xii. Ministry of Service and Technology;
207 xiii. Ministry of Social Services and Development;
208 xiv. Ministry of Transportation and Communication;
209 xv. Ministry of Trade and Industry and Tourism.
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211 e) Attached Agencies;
212 i. Bangsamoro Parliament;
213 ii. Bangsamoro Commission for the Preservation of Cultural
214 Heritage;
215 iii. Bangsamoro Darul-Ifta;
216 iv. Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission;
217 v. Bangsamoro Information and Communication Technology
218 Office;
219 vi. Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority;
220 vii. Bangsamoro Ports Management Authority;
221 viii. Bangsamoro Women Commission;
222 ix. Bangsamoro Youth Commission;
223 x. Bangsamoro Sport Commission;
224 xi. Development Academy of the Bangsamoro;
225 xii. Cooperative and Social Enterprise Authority;
226 xiii. Bangsamoro Pilgrimage Authority;
227 xiv. Bangsamoro Information Office;
228 xv. Office of the Settler Communities.

229 These respective offices shall be prioritized in the transfer upon the
230 completion of the establishment of the Bangsamoro Government Center by 2024.

231 **SECTION 5. Preparations Prior to Transfer.** – The Bangsamoro government
232 through a *Transitory Commission*, shall immediately take action towards the
233 development and implementation of masterplans, strategies and timetables that
234 will provide the framework towards the establishment of Bangsamoro
235 Government Center. It shall be developed as a green smart city equipped with
236 the highest standard of modern technology and environment-friendly using
237 energy-efficient and green infrastructure resolutions, fortified with digital
238 information and communication technology infrastructure, and designed with
239 effective and efficient transportation systems.

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241 **SECTION 6. Other establishments and facilities.** – For a more convenient
242 workplace and an opportunity for economic growth of the area, a commercial
243 complex, business center, food hubs, fast food, convenience store, and other
244 recreational activities and amenities are anticipated to be embraced therein. The
245 facilities include the basic necessities such as, but not limited to, stable power

246 and water supply, generator sets, telephone and internet connectivity, and
247 drainage canal system.
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249 **SECTION 7. Creation of a Transitory Commission.** – A *Transitory Commission*
250 shall be responsible to provide necessary information and data such as but not
251 limited to the identification of the location, cost of land and over all construction,
252 and other pertinent statistics in the furtherance of the study and for the
253 implementation of this Act. A *Transitory Commission*, chaired by the Chief
254 Minister and composed of six (6) members representing the

- 255 1. Ministry of Finance, Budget, and Management,
- 256 2. Ministry on Environment, Natural Resources and Energy
- 257 3. Ministry of Public Works,
- 258 4. Ministry of Transportation and Communication,
- 259 5. Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority, and
- 260 6. Bangsamoro Information and Communications Technology Office.

261 The *Transitory Commission* shall have the following powers and functions:

- 262 a) Lead and organize the preparation, development and
263 implementation of masterplans, strategies, processes and timetable
264 that will provide the framework towards the development of the
265 Bangsamoro Government Center;
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- 267 b) Serve as oversight committee for transferring and transitioning;
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- 269 c) Determine capabilities of Offices to transfer to Bangsamoro
270 Government Center and prescribe measures to continue or dismiss
271 such transfer;
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- 273 d) Develop and approve necessary transfer and transition
274 requirements and conditions of Offices, including possible modes of
275 transfer, safety measures and labor standards;
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- 277 e) Determine the amount necessary to implement the transfer to
278 Bangsamoro Government Center and recommend the same to the
279 Chief Minister for incorporation to the proposed budget for the
280 proper government agencies;
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- 282 f) Oversee the immediate implementation of the provisions of this Act;
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- 284 g) Perform functions mentioned under the other provisions of this Act;
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286 h) Perform such other functions as may be necessary or implied from
287 the provisions of this Act.

288 The *Transitory Commission* shall immediately convene upon approval of
289 this Act and shall cease to exist upon completion and full implementation of the
290 objectives of this Act.

291 **SECTION 8. Appropriations.** - The amount of Fifty Million Pesos
292 (Php50,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the acquisition of land and initial
293 appropriation for the use of the *Transitory Commission* to implement the
294 provisions of this Act. For the succeeding fiscal years until its cessation, the
295 *Transitory Commission* shall include the amounts necessary for its operations
296 and the implementation of this Act in the annual General Appropriations Act
297 Bangsamoro (GAAB).

298 **SECTION 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - Within ninety (90) days
299 from the effectivity of this Act, the *Transitory Commission*, in consultation with
300 appropriate government agencies and other stakeholders, shall promulgate the
301 necessary rules and regulations and other issuances as may be necessary to
302 ensure the effective implementation of this Act.

303 **SECTION 10. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act is declared
304 invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected
305 thereby shall remain valid.

306 **SECTION 11. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, and regulations under the
307 Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) government
308 including those passed under the defunct Autonomous Region in Muslim
309 Mindanao (ARMM) government regarding the construction and establishment of
310 Bangsamoro Government Center not consistent with this Act are hereby
311 repealed.

312 **SECTION 12. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
313 publication in the newspaper of general circulation.

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317 *Adopted:*

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