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**AN ACT CREATING OFFICES FOR SPECIAL GEOGRAPHIC
AREAS (SGA), DEFINING ITS MANDATE, POWERS AND
FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Offices for SGA Act”.

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SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Bangsamoro Government to congregate the maximum participation of every Bangsamoro in the Special Geographic Areas (SGA), in the decision-making processes on issues that concern them directly, and for them to have a more equitable share in the distribution of opportunities, income and wealth in the region.

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It is therefore the purpose of this Act to create administrative offices, not created in the Bangsamoro Administrative Code, designed to cater to the needs of the Special Geographic Areas residents in matters of health, agri-fisheries, agrarian reforms, environment, and energy; giving due consideration to its unique geographical characteristics.

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SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. – The words in this Code are defined as follows:

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- a. “*Administrative Office*” refers, within the framework of the Bangsamoro governmental organization, to a functional unit of a ministry.
 - b. “*Bangsamoro Government*” refers to the corporate governmental entity with all the powers granted to it by the Constitution, Bangsamoro Organic Law and other statutes, as well as those necessary for, or incidental to, the governance of the Bangsamoro

1 Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, including the Bangsamoro Parliament,
2 Bangsamoro Government of the Day, and various instrumentalities through which
3 political authority is exercised;

4 c. "*Special Geographic Areas (SGA)*" refers to the 63 barangays that opted for inclusion
5 in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, during the plebiscite called for such
6 purpose, namely:

- 7 1. Dungan and Tapodoc, all in Aleosan, Cotabato;
- 8 2. Kibayao, Kitulaan, Langogan, Manarapan, Nasapian, Pebpoloan, and Tupig, all
9 in Carmen, Cotabato;
- 10 3. Buluan, Nanga-an, Pedtad, Sanggadong, Simbuhay, Simone, and Tamped, all in
11 Kabacan, Cotabato;
- 12 4. Damatulan, Kadigasan, Kadingilan, Kapinpilan, Kudarangan, Central Labas,
13 Malingao, Mudseng, Nabalawag, Olandang, Sambulawan, Tugal, and Tumbras,
14 all in Midsayap, Cotabato;
- 15 5. Lower Baguer, Balacayon, Buricain, Datu Binsing, Datu Mantil, Kadingilan,
16 Libungan Torreta, Matilac, Lower Pangangkalan, Upper Pangangkalan, Patot,
17 and Simsiman, all in Pigkawayan, Cotabato;
- 18 6. Bagoinged, S. Balong, S. Balongis, Barungis, Batulawan, Bualan, Buliok, Bulol,
19 Fort Pikit, Gli-Gli, Gokotan, Kabasalan, Lagunde, Macabual, Macasendeg,
20 Manaulanan, Nabundas, Nalapaan, Nunguan, Pamalian, Panicupan, and
21 Rajahmuda, all in Pikit, Cotabato; and
- 22 7. Any province, city, municipality, barangay or geographic area that may opt to join
23 through any legal process.

24 **Agri-Fisheries and Agrarian Reform Offices for SGA**

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28 SECTION 4. Creation and Mandate of the Agri-Fisheries and Agrarian Reform Office
29 for SGA. – There is hereby created the Agri-Fisheries and Agrarian Reform Office for SGA
30 hereinafter referred to as "SGA-AFARO", with eight (8) Cluster Offices strategically
31 distributed in the SGA.

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33 SECTION 5. Powers and Functions. SGA-AFARO shall have the powers and
34 functions similar to that of Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform
35 (MAFAR) Provincial Office as provided by the Bangsamoro Administrative Code.

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37 It shall be headed by an Agri-Fisheries and Agrarian Reform Officer with a rank
38 equivalent of a Director II. Each Cluster Office shall be headed by a Cluster Head with a rank
39 equivalent of a MAFAR Municipal Officer. The Cluster Offices shall have similar functions
40 as that of MAFAR Municipal Offices.

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42 Until and unless a law is passed devolving powers over agriculture, fisheries and
43 agrarian reform to the appropriate local government units, the MAFAR Minister shall
44 exercise technical and administrative control and supervision over SGA-AFARO and its
45 Cluster Offices, and such other powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental in carrying out
46 the implementation of agriculture, fisheries, and agrarian reform programs and projects in
47 SGA.

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Health Offices for SGA

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3 SECTION 6. Creation and Mandate of the Health Office for SGA. – There is hereby
4 created the Health Office for SGA hereinafter referred to as SGA-HO, with eight (8) Cluster
5 Health Offices strategically distributed in the SGA.

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7 SECTION 7. Powers and Functions. SGA-HO shall have the powers and functions
8 similar to that of Integrated Provincial Health Office as provided by the Bangsamoro
9 Administrative Code.

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11 It shall be headed by a Health Officer with a rank equivalent of a Medical Officer V.
12 Each Cluster Office shall be headed by a Cluster Health Officer with a rank equivalent of a
13 Rural Health Physician. The Cluster Health Offices shall have similar functions as that of
14 Municipal Health Office.

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16 Until and unless a law is passed devolving powers over health service delivery to the
17 appropriate local government units, the Ministry of Health (MOH) Minister shall exercise
18 technical and administrative control and supervision over SGA-HO and its Cluster Health
19 Offices, and such other powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental in carrying out the
20 implementation of health programs and projects in SGA.

Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy Offices for SGA

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23 SECTION 8. Creation and Mandate of the Environment, Natural Resources, and
24 Energy Offices for SGA. – There is hereby created the Environment, Natural Resources, and
25 Energy Offices for SGA hereinafter referred to as SGA-ENREO.

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28 SECTION 9. Powers and Functions. SGA-ENREO shall have the powers and
29 functions similar to that of Community Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy Offices
30 (CENREOs) as provided by the Bangsamoro Administrative Code. It shall be headed by a
31 Community Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy Officer.

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34 Until and unless a law is passed devolving powers over environment, natural
35 resources and energy to the appropriate local government units, Ministry of Environment,
36 Natural Resources, and Energy (MENRE) Minister shall exercise technical and
37 administrative control and supervision over SGA-ENREO, and such other powers necessary,
38 appropriate, or incidental in carrying out the implementation of environment, natural
39 resources and energy programs and projects in SGA.

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41 SECTION 10. Appropriations. – The funds necessary to carry out the implementation
42 of this Act shall be charged against the annual appropriations of the Bangsamoro
43 Government.

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45 SECTION 11. Separability Clause. – If for any cause, any part of this Act is declared
46 unconstitutional or contrary to the provisions of R.A. 11054, the rest of the provisions shall
47 remain in force and effect.
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1 SECTION 12. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations,
2 or any part thereof, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed or amended
3 accordingly.

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5 SECTION 13. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following
6 its full publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Bangsamoro Autonomous
7 Region in Muslim Mindanao.

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14 **HON. AHOD BALAWAG EBRAHIM**
15 *Chief Minister*


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