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GRANTING RECOGNITION AND INCENTIVES TO BANGSAMORO TOPNOTCHERS  
(TOP 1 TO TOP 10) OF BOARD, BAR AND OTHER NATIONAL LICENSURE  
EXAMINATIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bangsamoro Government has been steadfast in recognizing the achievements of its outstanding constituents in their respective fields of profession. Bangsamoro topnotchers bring pride, honor, and serve as an inspiration to the youth. However, the government understands the difficulties endured and the efforts exerted by every board or bar candidate.

Every board, bar, or any other national licensure examination candidate has experienced, in one way or another, a staggering test of mettle through a gauntlet of hardships, adversities, and pressures, much more now amid the concerns brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Not only do they experience these burdens but it takes a heavy toll on them mentally, economically, and spiritually. Consequently, the accomplishment of these candidates to place on top of the rankings is an impressive feat worthy of emulation and public acknowledgment.

Thus, the enactment of this measure for the due recognition of topnotchers, as well as to provide them with benefits, privileges, and a respectable amount which will serve as a cash incentive for topnotchers is proper and reasonable.

The granting of recognition and incentives to the Bangsamoro people and other inhabitants in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region is one way of inspiring individuals to strive for greater heights of excellence.

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

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**Section 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “*Bangsamoro Excellence and Incentives Act of 2022*”

**Section 2. *Declaration of Policy and Principles.*** – It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Bangsamoro Government to encourage and support the development of excellence in the autonomous region, promote the self-reliant capabilities of the Bangsamoro to aim for optimum proficiency and improved aptitude in various fields in education, and recognize their contributions in bringing honor and distinction.

Towards this end, the Bangsamoro Government shall promote excellence in all fields of academic human endeavor by institutionalizing the grant of benefits and incentives to exceptional Bangsamoro individuals who have successfully placed in the national board, bar and other national licensure examinations.

**Section 3. *Definition of Terms.*** – For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a. Board, Bar, and other National Licensure Examinations – refers to examinations conducted nationwide to determine the qualifications of graduates of various professions who seek licensure to practice their respective professions or areas of specialization, sanctioned by the appropriate government agencies, such as, but not



limited to, the Professional Regulation Commission, and the Supreme Court of the Philippines;

- b. Topnotchers – refers to individuals who officially ranked from top 1 to top 10 of national licensure examinations, with the corresponding certification from the appropriate administering agency.

**Section 4. *Scope and Coverage.*** – This Act shall include all Bangsamoro individuals and other inhabitants in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao who shall rank from top 1 to top 10 in any national licensure examination in the academic/educational field, including professional licensure examinations given by the Professional Regulatory Commission, and the Philippine Bar Examination exclusively administered by the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

**Section 5. *Creation of a Committee.*** – To fully implement the goal of this program, a Committee shall be created under the Office of the Chief Minister which shall be responsible for the following:

- a. The formulation of a procedural manual as a guide in the granting of recognition and incentives to topnotchers;
- b. The assessment of documents required to verify their authenticity and the rank of the grantee; and
- c. The amount of incentives that the topnotchers will receive.

**Section 6. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the budget of the Office of the Chief Minister in the annual Bangsamoro General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual GAA for BARMM.

**Section 7. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the MBHTE shall formulate and promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act. The implementing rules and regulations issued pursuant to this section shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

**Section 8. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 9. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, executive orders or issuances, or any parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**Section 10. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of regional circulation.

Approved,

AUTHOR:



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*Member of the Parliament*

Certified correct:

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