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**A BILL INSTITUTIONALIZING SINGLE WINDOW TRANSACTION
(SWiT) MODIFIED BUSINESS ONE-STOP SHOP IN ALL LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS WITHIN THE BANGSAMORO REGION**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Taxes are the lifeblood of the government.

This doctrine cannot be truer in the case of the Bangsamoro Region whose block grant is to cease in a few years' time. Hence, it is deemed a priority to encourage investments and improve the existing sources of income in the region. One of the primary sources of the local government units' income, which will eventually endow to the benefit of the Bangsamoro region, is the collection on business permits and licenses. However, there are various micro-scale and small-scale businesses within the Bangsamoro region that are unregistered. These are loss of income and opportunity for the LGUs and of the Bangsamoro region.

The Bangsamoro government understands that one of the reasons why they are unregistered is the tedious process of acquiring one. This costs business owners time and resources. Hence, to encourage the registration of businesses and to enable the Bangsamoro government to regulate them, this bill is being proposed to simplify and streamline the registration process of business establishments. This is not only intended for unregistered businesses but to also encourage business investments in the region.

The proposed Single Window Transaction - Modified Business One-Stop Shop (SWiT-M-BOSS) is a laudable innovation of the City of Muntinlupa and other cities. The new simplified process encouraged more registrants and more investments in their city due to the ease of conducting business. Under the old process, there are various offices involved such as BPLO, Zoning, City Buidling, City Health, Fire Department, PESO, Treasury, Mayor's Office, and others. In this proposed bill, the business owner or its representative will only deal with one person who shall receive all necessary

documents, generates the assessment to be paid, and issue the receipt and the approved permit.

This proposal seeks to adopt the best practices of other jurisdictions which may also bring forth good in the Bangsamoro region as much as it brought good for them. Hence, its passage is sought.

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*Be it enacted by the Parliament of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in
Muslim Mindanao Assembled:*

SECTION 1. Title. This law shall be known as the “SWiT-M-BOSS of
BARMM.”

SEC. 2. Purpose. This law is being promulgated in pursuant to Republic Act
No. 9485, otherwise known as the “Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007”, as amended,
which requires all government agencies or instrumentalities to streamline
procedures for the issuance of local business licenses, clearances, permits,
certifications or authorizations.

The law seeks not only to ease the burden of collecting local revenues through
business registration but also to facilitate easy access to essential public
services.

SEC. 3. Coverage. This bill governs all cities and municipalities within the
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. This bill shall

provide for the registration of all businesses in the region regardless of business size, whether micro, small, medium, or large.

SEC. 4. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this Act, the terms hereunder provided shall have the following meaning, to wit:

- a) **Applicant** - refers to the business owner, client, entrepreneur and/or their respective representatives who desires to legally operate a business in the region;
- b) **BPLS** - refers to the Business Permit Licensing System;
- c) **BPLO** - refers to the Business Permit Licensing Office/r;
- d) **Business** - a commercial or mercantile activity for the purpose of earning a source of livelihood;
- e) **Business establishment/firm** - refers to any natural or juridical person, legally or not legally registered under existing laws and doing business within the region;
- f) **Business One-Stop Shop (BOSS)** - refers to an arrangement where a single common site or location is designated for all concerned agencies related to the Business Permit and Licensing System to receive and process applications for business registration;
- g) **Single Window Transaction** - refers to an efficient way of facilitating transactions where an applicant or client deals and transacts with a single person/frontliner for all its transaction relating to business transactions.

SEC. 5. Business Registration Scheme - The Mayor's Business Permit application and processing shall adopt a Single Window Transaction where the interaction of a taxpayer/customer shall be limited to only one person.


- a) **Application** - Applicant, for new or renewal, shall submit to the frontliner in the BLPO his or her application form together with the complete set of requirements as determined and required by the concerned city or municipality.
- b) **Encoding and Generation of Assessment** - The necessary data and other information are encoded by the frontliner into the system, which then generates the assessment to be paid.
- c) **Payment and Issuance of Permit** - The same staff receives the taxpayer's payment based on the assessment, issues the receipt therefor, and finally releases the approved permit.

SEC. 6. Compliance Period. All cities and municipalities in BARMM shall be given a period of three (3) months to reorganize their respective BPLO and to make necessary arrangements in their BPLS, including the organization of awareness efforts to encourage registration among business enterprises within their jurisdictions.

SEC. 7. Enacting Ordinances/Resolutions. If deemed necessary by the local government units concerned, an ordinance or a resolution adopting this law and detailing the manner by which to implement this law may be passed within the aforecited compliance period.

SEC. 8. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,


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