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House Bill No. 6203



Introduced by Representative **ADOLPH EDWARD G. PLAZA**
2ND District, Agusan del Sur

**"AN ACT
CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MABUHAY IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF LORETO, AGUSAN DEL SUR"**

The 1987 Constitution recognizes the importance of local governments and ensures that they develop into self-reliant communities, through the enactment of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991. Through this legislation, local governments such as barangays develop into a more effective and efficient partner in the attainment of the national government's objectives.

Republic Act No. 7160 provides that "a barangay is the basic political unit which serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of the government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community, and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled." As a result thereof, barangays have a closer and direct access to the needs of the citizenry making them vital to the improvement of delivery and implementation of public services in the local realm. It is now imperative to strengthen barangays in order for them to develop into self-reliant communities and effective partner of the national government.

In harmony with the Constitution, it is the intention of this bill to seek the creation of Barangay Mabuhay in the Municipality of Loreto, Agusan del Sur and to allow them to be entitled to a just share from the national taxes.

In view of this vital importance, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Creation of Barangay Mabuhay. - Mabuhay in Barangay Kauswagan, Municipality of Loreto, Agusan del Sur is hereby separated from Barangay Kauswagan and constituted into a new barangay to be known as Barangay Mabuhay.

The technical description of Barangay Mabuhay shall be as follows:

		TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION(UTM ZONE 51 N)	
BARANGAY	CORNER NO.	EAST	NORTH
MABUHAY	1	810465.174	882799.553
	2	806125.550	883246.665
	3	804986.974	881889.865
	4	802092.944	880454.551
	5	802872.799	878861.636
	6	805674.261	878839.702

SECTION 2. Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite. – Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the new barangay shall exist upon the majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters of Barangay Kauswagan, Municipality of Loreto in a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in the area affected, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 3. *Barangay Officials.* – The first set of officials of the said Barangay shall be appointed by the Municipal Mayor of Loreto, Agusan del Sur and shall hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities.* – All existing public infrastructure and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation and shall be administered by the new barangay.

SECTION 5. *Internal Revenue Allotment Shares.* – Barangay Mabuhay shall be entitled to the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

SECTION 6. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to conduct the plebiscite as provided for under this Act shall be borne by the Municipality of Loreto, Agusan del Sur.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.