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Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3518



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**Introduced by Representative Michael L. Romero**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The state recognizes the urgent need for the augmentation of the scope, level, and prioritization of government activities that shall be determined in accordance with the Constitutional mandate, political and socio-economic objectives and available resources under prevailing rules and regulations.

The definition of responsibilities between the National Government and the LGUs in the provision of goods and services shall be clearly defined, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991.

A holistic government method shall be implemented to ensure unified operations of agencies within and across sectors and to be more responsive to public needs.

The organizational structure and staffing pattern of agencies shall be designed to facilitate the operative, competent and economical implementation of programs and projects, and attainment of organizational outputs and outcomes.

This House Bill seeks to implement the **Rightsizing of the National Government**, for purposes of improving public service delivery.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

  
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**AN ACT**

**RIGHTSIZING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE  
PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE** – This Act shall be known as the  
“National Government Rightsizing Act of 2019”.

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY** – It is hereby a declared  
policy of the state to foster the effectiveness and efficiency of the economy:

- To augment the constitutional capacity to improve public service delivery;
- To ensure the attainment of the country’s economic standards and objectives;
- To concentrate its powers and functions to maximize its level of governance;
- To eliminate repetitions and overlapping operations; and

the Ombudsman;

offices, in accordance with

- To simplify its implementation procedures.

of this Act;

Code (RA7140)

**SECTION 3. SCOPE** - This act shall cover all government departments, bureaus, agencies, institute, boards commissions, councils, boards and all others attached to or under/aligned to their administrative supervision, government owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs);

The Judiciary, the Legislative, the Constitutional bodies and the office of the Ombudsman;

Shall within their respective authority and capitalization, right size their offices, in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

**SECTION 4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS** - All Local Government Units (LGUs) shall also right size their offices, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, consistent with the prevailing provisions of the Local Government Code (RA7160).

**SECTION 5. GOVERNANCE COMMISSION FOR GOCC** - Shall conduct its powers and functions to reorganize, merge, streamline, privatize or even abolish any GOCC, consistent with the prevailing provisions under the GOCC Governance Act of 2011 (RA10149).

**SECTION 6. POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC** - In accordance with the prevailing rules and regulations, the president of the republic is hereby granted the full authority of rightsizing the executive branch of government:

- To pursue all functional shifts and modifications;
- To undertake the necessary organizational arrangements and movements;
  - Regularize offices whose powers and functions are significant;
  - Merge/consolidate bodies who are performing overlapping and duplication;



- Split bodies which are doing diverse and distinct functions; and
  - Abolish bodies which functions are no longer relevant.
- To undertake other organizational functions as necessary, in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
  - To create safeguards; and
  - To establish an organizational development program.

**SECTION 7. RIGHTSIZING COUNCIL** - There shall be hereby created a council on rightsizing the executive branch, to oversee the administration of the rightsizing program, in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

*The Council shall be composed of the following:*

Executive Secretary, *Chairman*

Secretary of the DBM, *Vice Chairman*

Chairperson of NEDA, *member*

Chairperson of CSC, *member*

Head of the PMS, *member*

**SECTION 8. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL** – The rightsizing council shall have the following powers and functions:

The council shall organize and establish adhoc committees, composed of experts on mobilization, organizational, operational and human resources management to assist in the effective implementation of this Act;

The council shall consult the departments and agencies concerned, and other stakeholders concerned for the effective implementation of this Act; and

The *Department of Budget and Management (DBM)* shall provide the necessary structure and staffing pattern.

**SECTION 9. FUNDING** – the amount of as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (**GAA**) of the year following its enactment into law.

Continuing amounts to be needed to carry out the provisions of this Act, shall be included in the succeeding General Appropriations Act (**GAA**).

Provided that the Judiciary, Legislative, Constitutional commissions and other offices implement the provisions of this Act;

The funding requirements shall be included in the succeeding General Appropriations Act (**GAA**).

**SECTION 10. PERIODIC REPORTS** - The Council shall submit periodic reports on its findings and make recommendations on actions to be taken by Congress and Senate and the appropriate department, in order to carry out the objectives and mandates of this Act.

**SECTION 11. AUTOMATIC REVIEW** - Every three (**3**) years after the effectivity of this Act, an independent review panel composed of experts to be appointed by the President shall review the policies and programs and shall make recommendations, based on its findings, to the President and to both Houses of Congress.

**SECTION 12. TRANSITORY PROVISION** – Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given

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orders, rules and regulations of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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six (6) months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 13. **IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** – The departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 14. **REPEALING CLAUSE.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 16. **EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,