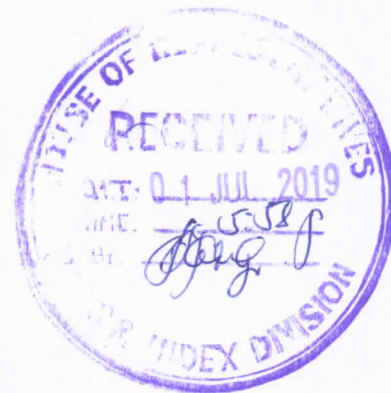




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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Bill, based on House Bill No. 4689 filed by Rep. Kaka Bag-ao, Rep. Sol Aragones, and Rep. Ma. Lourdes Aggabao, seeks to establish and operate a local Population Development Office, which will have the mandate to provide and ensure an effective population management strategies and measures at the local level. The said Population Development Office shall be primarily responsible in addressing the population development issues in the locality, specifically, teenage pregnancies, unintended pregnancies, rapid urbanization, unmanaged human settlements in environmentally hazardous areas, as well as gender inequality and discrimination.

With the continuous increase in our population, it is only imperative that we provide measure that is at pace with the demands of time and dynamic enough to cater the needs of our constituents, especially at the local level.

I hope that this Congress will approve this bill.

  
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**AN ACT MANDATING THE CREATION OF A LOCAL POPULATION  
DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN ALL PROVINCES, CITIES, AND MUNICIPALITIES  
AND PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS**

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Act shall be known as the “Local Population Development Act.”

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* It shall be the policy of the State to:

- (a) Promote inclusive growth by providing equal and equitable opportunities to all segments of population regardless of age, sex, socio-economic conditions, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religion, and other social categories to achieve their desired quality of life;
- (b) Ensure that the needs of the people, generated through empirical and consultative process, shall serve as the central consideration for all development initiatives particularly in development planning, policy development, and resource allocation;
- (c) Promote and capacitate couples and individuals to achieve their reproductive goals and rights including the right to decide and achieve the timing, number, and spacing of children in the context of responsible parenthood, informed choice, and respect for life;



- (d) Promote, ensure, uphold, respect, and protect the right of all individuals to migrate in search of better opportunities and the provision of non-discriminatory services for migrants and residents alike; and
- (e) Promote and enhance the capacity of local government units (LGUs) for local autonomy in ensuring the general welfare and development of all their people.

SEC. 3. *Objectives.* This Act provides for and shall govern:

- (a) The establishment and operation of Population Offices mandatory to ensure effective population management strategies and measures at the local level; and
- (b) Address population development issues in the locality, which includes increasing teenage pregnancy, high unintended pregnancies, rapid urbanization in cities and declining quantity of human resources in – and out – migration areas, unmanaged human settlements especially in environmentally hazardous areas, and gender inequality and discrimination.

SEC. 4. *Creation of Population Development Office.* All provinces, cities and municipalities shall create an independent Population Development Office to be headed by a Population Development Officer. The Population and Development Office shall be provided with full staff complement. *Provided*, that existing Population Offices or their equivalent under Section 488 of Republic Act 7160 shall be renamed and strengthened based on the duties and functions herein below provided.

SEC. 5. *Duties and Functions.* The Population Development Office shall perform the following duties and functions:

- (a) Establish and maintain a comprehensive, integrated and updated population development information system that contains household demographic and socio-economic profile to be used in analyzing population needs and projecting service requirements;
- (b) Recruit, organize and mobilize Barangay Population Workers and other community workers or volunteers for data generation, household demographic and socio-economic profiling, and community health promotion and advocacy;
- (c) Assist other local departments in generating and projecting population development data needed in their planning and program development functions and provide technical assistance in integrating population development needs and gender dimensions in their sectoral development programs and projects particularly marginalized and indigenous people;
- (d) Design and undertake Population Development related services, studies and researches;
- (e) Establish mechanisms for monitoring in- and out- migration movement and human settlement patterns especially across eco-systems for planning and programming and

formulate measures for the development of the migrants and development of effective urban management strategies;

- (f) Promote responsible parenthood and family planning particularly through the conduct of Information Education Communication Motivation (IECM), demand generation activities, and ensure provision or referral or appropriate FP services;
- (g) Oversee, coordinate and manage the implementation of Pre-marriage counselling (PMC) at the local level pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012;
- (h) Formulate and implement measures to prevent unintended pregnancies among young people and promote adolescent health and youth development; and
- (i) Exercise other duties and functions as may be prescribed by a local ordinance and legal issuances.

SEC. 6. Setting of minimum standards for population development data and information system shall be set by the Population Commission (POPCOM) with Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA).

SEC. 7. *Qualification Standard.* No person shall be appointed population officer unless he is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the local government unit concerned, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree with specialized training on population development from recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have experience in the implementation of programs on population development or responsible parenthood for at least five (5) years in the case of the provincial or city population officer, and three (3) years in the case of the municipal population officer.

SEC. 8. *Salary.* The Population Development Officer shall receive a minimum monthly compensation commensurate to that of other local department heads and shall be adjusted according to relevant future statutory provisions on salaries of public officials and employees.

SEC. 9. *Staffing Pattern.* The staffing pattern and plantilla positions of the Population Development Office shall be determined by the local *Sanggunian* through an approved ordinance or executive order based on qualification standards by the Civil Service Commission. Salaries for population Officers and personnel shall be exempted from the general limitations cited in Rule XXXIV, Article 20 of the Local Government Code.

SEC. 10. *Capacitating the Local Population Development Office.* The Commission on Population and other relevant agencies through its regional offices shall provide technical assistance in capacitating the local population development office for the effective performance of their duties and functions.



SEC. 11. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The POPCOM, as head agency, in coordination with the Department of Health, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), League of Cities in the Philippines (LCP), League of Provinces in the Philippines (LPP), League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP), *Liga ng Baranggay*, and two (2) representatives from non-government organizations (NGOs), will formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations, within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 12. *Appropriation.* The budget and allocation for the operation of the Population and Development Office shall, upon the effectivity of this Act, be accordingly approved and provide by the Local *Sanggunian*.

SEC. 14. *Separability Clause.* -If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 15. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 16. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,