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House Bill No. 5844

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Introduced by **MAGDALO Party-List Representative**  
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The barangay is the basic political unit of our nation. It serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community. It is the most direct avenue for the delivery of services to the citizenry.

There are more than 40,000 barangays in our country. With this proposed measure, the government shall appropriate a seed fund of twenty billion pesos (Php 20,000,000,000.00) to accelerate the development of all our barangays as the primary political-economic unit of our nation within a twenty-year period. A continuing development program for all barangays shall be undertaken in accordance with a national master plan for the development of all barangays. The program shall address the different needs in every barangay from physical infrastructure to economic infrastructure which shall ultimately make the barangay an economic unit, and thus become the primary engine of growth for national development.

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

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**MANUEL DG. CABOCHAN III**

*Representative*

Magdalo Para sa Pilipino Party-List

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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR A TWENTY (20) YEAR BARANGAY DEVELOPMENT**  
**PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1       **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the "Barangay Development  
2       Act."

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4       **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – The State recognizes the barangay as the basic local  
5       government unit with a primary role in the delivery of services to the citizens. Towards this  
6       end, the State shall provide the necessary funding to accelerate the development of all  
7       barangays within a given period and thus achieve its primary mandate.

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9       **SEC. 3. *Barangay Development Program.*** – The Department of Interior and Local  
10       Government (DILG) in coordination with the National Economic Development Authority  
11       (NEDA) shall formulate, after due consultation with the Pambansang Liga ng mga Barangay,  
12       a twenty-year development program for all the barangays. The said program shall include the  
13       following:

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15       (a) Priority listing;  
16       (b) Common program for all barangays;  
17       (c) Specific programs for the respective barangays;  
18       (d) Allocation of the seed fund;  
19       (e) Oversight, audit, and accountability function of the DILG and the barangays;  
20       (f) Remedial measures for the program; and  
21       (g) Other components of the program as may be determined by the DILG and NEDA.

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23       **SEC. 4. *The Barangay Development Fund*** – A seed fund of Twenty Billion Pesos  
24       (Php 20,000,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the accelerated development of all

1 barangays in accordance with the national master plan for the said barangays. Said fund shall  
2 be sourced from savings in the annual budget or from any available funds as certified by the  
3 national treasure. Twenty Percent (20%) of all Expanded Value Added Tax (E-VAT)  
4 collections shall also be set aside to augment/complete said seed fund.

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6 **SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Department of Interior and Local  
7 Government (DILG) in coordination with the National Economic Development Authority  
8 (NEDA) shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act  
9 within sixty (60) days from approval hereof.

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11 **SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or  
12 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain  
13 valid and subsisting.

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15 **SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees or issuances, executive orders,  
16 letters of instruction, administrative orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with  
17 the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

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19 **SEC. 8. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
20 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*