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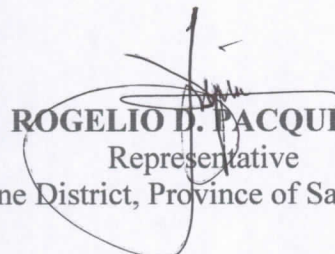
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The future of our country is in the hands of our youth. Thus, it is the responsibility of the state to protect and enrich the lives of the future generations to ensure that our country is filled with future leaders that are fully equipped with proper skills, knowledge, and fervour to serve the Philippines and its people. It is essential to promote community involvement to the youth, and to assist in their holistic development.

The youth are the next leaders and should be trained as early as possible to instill to them the relevance of being active members of the community and the importance of nationalism. They should learn how to engage in public and civic affairs, and should be provided with fitting programs that would enable them.

It is necessary to empower the youth for them to recognize their significant role in nation- building through leadership programs that would encourage participation and sense of responsibility, and through sports that would help in strengthening their physical and mental state.

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


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**“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CONDUCT OF SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS
IN THE BARANGAY LEVEL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.”**

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared a policy of the state to acknowledge the relevance of the youth in nation building and thus shall ensure that the youth in every barangay are given appropriate trainings to develop their leadership skills and help them identify and develop their talents in sports. The state affirms the significance of empowering the youth through programs that will equip them as the future leaders of the country.

SECTION 2. Youth Camp. Pursuant to Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Constitution declaring that “*The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs,*” a youth camp shall be held every summer in venues chosen by the respective Local Government Units to help in identifying and honing the skills of the youth in every barangay in leadership and in sports, inculcate a sense of social responsibility, and proliferate patriotism.

SECTION 3. The Role of Sangguniang Kabataan. The Sangguniang Kabataan shall spearhead the planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the summer youth camps in their respective jurisdictions. The Sangguniang Kabataan shall:

- (a) Choose the venue for the summer youth camp;
- (b) Coordinate with concerned institutions such as the National Youth Commission, their Local Government, and other concerned stakeholders regarding the summer youth camp;
- (c) Seek for qualified trainers, in consultation with the representatives from the local educational institutions, that will teach the youth the topics included in the program;
- (d) Monitor the whole program and provide a report to be reviewed by the Local Development Youth Office; and

- (e) Evaluate the program, the performance of the people behind it, and identify the areas that need further improvement.

SECTION 4. *Courses.* National Youth Commission, Sangguniang Kabataan, Representatives from the local educational institutions and the Local Development Youth Office in close consultation with the Katipunan ng Kabataan shall develop modules on Sports Development and Leadership, such as, but not limited to:

- (a) National Situationer
- (b) Leadership Seminar
- (c) Writing Workshop
- (d) Public Speaking Training
- (e) Sports and Fitness Courses

SECTION 5. *Allocation.* The budget for the Summer Youth Camp shall be included in the annual allocation given to the Sangguniang Kabataan complemented by their Local Government Unit.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* If any provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions thereof are not affected by such declaration and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,