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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) AND**  
**AMBISYON NATIN 2040 FUND**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

By the time the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) expired last 2020, the world achieved major breakthroughs in eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education, promoting gender equality and women empowerment, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, combatting deadly diseases like HIV/AIDS and malaria, ensuring environmental sustainability and strengthening global partnerships for mutual development. Between 2000 and 2015 (the duration of the MDGs), close to a billion people were lifted out of poverty.

However, after seeing the gains from the accomplishment of MDGs, some 596 million people across the world still live in extreme poverty or on less than US\$1.25 a day – worse, this number that has gone up to 689 million due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. These results prompted the world over to re-engage on a new set of developmental goals, in consideration of new challenges and new insights on how best to combat poverty and promote human prosperity. Hence in September 2015, the 193 members of the United Nations (UN)—including the Philippines—adopted a new global development agenda and pledged to fulfill so-called Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

The SDGs cover a wide expanse of issues, spread across 17 ambitious “global goals,” comprising up to 169 targets. According to experts, reaching these goals would need up to US\$5 trillion a year for the next decade and a half.

Meanwhile, in 2016, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) released Ambisyon Natin 2040 (AN2040), a visioning exercise conducted through public consultations, focus group discussions, a nationwide survey and technical studies. Through AN2040, the NEDA determined that the average Filipino's vision for their future can be crystallized as follows:

*"In 2040, [we] Filipinos will enjoy a stable and comfortable lifestyle, secure in the knowledge that we have enough for our daily needs and unexpected expenses, that we can plan and prepare for our own and our children's futures. Our families live together in a place of our own, yet we have the freedom to go where we desire, protected and enabled by a clean, efficient, and fair government."*

Meanwhile, average Filipinos envision that:

*"[...] The Philippines shall be a country where all citizens are free from hunger and poverty, have equal opportunities, enabled by fair and just society that is governed with order and unity. A nation where families live together, thriving in vibrant, culturally diverse, and resilient communities."*

The foregoing measure aims to create an SDG AN2040 Fund to support the Philippines to meet the SDGs as a Member-State of the United Nations and to realize the visions under AN2040, considering the promulgation of Executive Order No. 5, 2016 formally approving and adopting the NEDA program as the country's main 25-year plan to eliminate poverty and hunger in the country.

The said fund will be made available to LGUs for SDG- and AN2040-related projects, and will be administered by a Board of Trustees comprised of seven (7) Department Secretaries as ex-officio members and four (4) appointive members from the private sector.

The SDGs—as a global initiative—and AN2040—as a fully Philippine endeavor—ought to be pursued vigorously in the years to come, with the end-view of lifting millions of Filipinos out of poverty and raising the standard of living felt

across the country. In this way, the SDG AN2040 fund, created by this measure, ought to be seen as one wholly dedicated for LGUs to implement anti-poverty, pro-prosperity projects.

The swift passage of this measure is then earnestly sought.

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

1        **Section 1. Title.** – This act shall be known as the "*Sustainable Development*  
2 *Goals and Ambisyon Natin 2040 Fund Act.*"

3        **Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – Pursuant to Sections 9 and 10 of the 1987  
4 Constitution, it is the policy of the State to promote a just and dynamic social order  
5 that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people  
6 from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full  
7 employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all as well  
8 as promote social justice in all phases of national development.

9        Toward this end, the State shall harness the resources generated by all  
10 agencies of the government and enjoin the support of the local government units  
11 who are the frontliners in the government's efforts to reach all its citizens and  
12 ensure that all citizens are directly involved and benefitted by development  
13 programs and projects.

14        **Sec. 3. Creation of the SDG and Ambisyon Natin 2040 Fund.** – There is  
15 hereby created the Sustainable Development Goals and Ambisyon Natin 2040 Fund  
16 (SDG AN2040 Fund), the proceeds of which shall be raised from the following  
17 sources:



- 1 a. *Special Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PSCO) lotto draws.* At least one  
2 special PCSO lotto draw per year up to 2030 shall be conducted by the PCSO;  
3 the 30% of Net Receipts (minus operating and other expenses) usually set  
4 aside as contribution to the charity fund shall be set aside for the SDG  
5 AN2040 Fund;
- 6 b. *Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR).* One percent (1%)  
7 of PAGCOR's net income per year shall be set aside for SDG AN2040 Fund;  
8 and
- 9 c. *Collection from Sin Taxes.* One percent (1%) of tax collected from sin taxes  
10 allotted to health programs shall be set aside for the SDG AN2040 Fund.

11 **Sec. 4. Board of Trustees.** – The Fund shall be administered by the Board  
12 of Trustees, composed of the following:

- 13 a) Ex-officio Members (7):
  - 14 1. Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), as  
15 Chairperson;
  - 16 2. Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority  
17 (NEDA);
  - 18 3. Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH);
  - 19 4. Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);
  - 20 5. Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
21 (DENR);
  - 22 6. Secretary of the Department of Education (DepEd); and
  - 23 7. Secretary of the Department of Agriculture (DA).
- 24 b) Appointive Members: Four (4) representatives from the private sector, one of  
25 who shall serve as the Executive Director and ex officio Vice Chairperson.

26 The Executive Director shall be elected by the Board annually from among the  
27 four (4) appointive members appointed by the President of the Philippines.

28 The selection, appointment, and term of office of the appointive members  
29 shall be in accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 10149,  
30 otherwise known as the GOCC Governance Act of 2011.

31 **Sec. 5. Per Diems.** – The members of the Board shall receive per diem for  
32 every board meeting attended: *Provided*, That per diems and any other allowances

1 of the Board shall follow the guidelines set by the Department of Budget and  
2 Management: *Provided, further,* That the Directors shall not be entitled to retirement  
3 benefits as such directors.

4 **Sec. 6. Management of the SDG AN2040 Fund.** – The SDG AN2040 Fund  
5 shall be managed by a Secretariat to be created within the DILG. The SDG AN2040  
6 Secretariat shall be headed by the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall  
7 be directly responsible for the hiring of the staff needed to operationalize the SDG  
8 AN2040 Fund.

9 **Sec. 7. Compensation.** – The Executive Director and staff shall receive  
10 compensation at rates in accordance with the Salary Standardization Law.

11 **Sec. 8. Projects under the SDG AN2040 Fund.** – The Board of Trustees,  
12 through the SDG AN2040 Secretariat, shall evaluate, assess and approve project  
13 proposals to be submitted by LGUs. The Board shall allocate the SDG AN2040 Fund  
14 by region, based on the priorities identified by the national government, consistent  
15 with the Medium-Term Development Plan.

16 The LGUs shall be required to contribute 25% of the total project fund, with  
17 the balance of 75% to be sourced from the SDG AN2040 Fund: *Provided,* That the  
18 LGUs may use up to the maximum of 5% of total project fund for MOOE: *Provided,*  
19 *however,* That no amount shall be used for personnel services.

20 **Sec. 9. Funding.** – The Executive Director shall submit to the Board its  
21 annual budget including operating and maintenance expenses as well as personnel  
22 services to be allocated from the SDG AN2040 Fund.

23 **Sec. 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).** – Within six (6)  
24 months following approval, the Board created herein, in consultation with DILG,  
25 NEDA, DOH, DSWD, DENR, DepEd and DA, and private sector representatives, shall  
26 prepare the IRR to implement this Act. In particular, the IRR shall identify priority  
27 areas where the SDG AN2040 Fund shall be implemented, type of programs/projects  
28 to be funded, schedule of release of funds, etc.

29 **Sec. 11. Separability Clause.** – If any portion or provision of this Act is  
30 subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are  
31 not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

1           **Sec. 12. *Repealing Clause.*** – All other laws, acts, presidential decrees,  
2 executive orders, presidential proclamations, issuances, rules and regulations, or  
3 parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this  
4 Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

5           **Sec. 13. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
6 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*