



THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 191

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MILG) TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS ON STRENGTHENING THE CIVIL REGISTRY SERVICES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) WITH EMPHASIS ON THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF MUSLIM PERSONAL LAW IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION

WHEREAS, Section 3, Article V of RA 11054, otherwise known as Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall exercise the power expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare. Within its territorial jurisdiction, the Bangsamoro Government shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among its residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 2(ss), Article V of the BOL provides that subject to Section 20, Article X of the Constitution and the Organic Law, the Bangsamoro Government shall exercise its authority over the *registration of births, marriages, and deaths*, copies to be furnished to the Philippine Statistics Authority, without prejudice to the general supervision of the President of the Republic of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Act No. 3753, otherwise known as the “Civil Registry Law”, consistent with Article 407 of the Civil Code of the Philippines, establishes the civil register in the Philippines wherein acts, events, legal instruments and court decrees concerning the civil status of persons shall be recorded. The Civil Registry Law embraces all acts of civil life affecting the status of persons and applies to all persons residing in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Act No. 3753 details a civil register as an established recording of births, deaths, marriages, annulments of marriages, divorces, legitimations, adoptions, acknowledgement of natural children, naturalization, and changes of name.

WHEREAS, civil registration is the continuous, permanent and compulsory, and universal recording of the occurrence and characteristics of vital events on the population;

WHEREAS, the registered documents have legal and administrative values in monitoring population growth, and in planning for social and economic development;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 437, Series of 1994 declares the registration of births, marriages, and foundlings as a national state policy. Further, it encourages all concerned government agencies including local government units to advance and promulgate measures for adoption of effective registration procedures, including the elimination of registration fees, in accordance with the Civil Registry Law and other existing laws;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 (LGC) mandates every Local Government Units (LGUs) to exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Interior and Local Government (MILG) is responsible for strengthening the governance capabilities of LGUs. It shall deal with LGUs within the jurisdiction of the Bangsamoro Government and shall retain supervisory functions on police matters within LGUs;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of R.A. No. 10625 or the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013, provides for the creation of the PSA, which is attached to the National Economic Development Authority, for purposes of policy coordination. The data produced by the PSA shall be the official and controlling statistics of the government. The PSA shall be primarily responsible for all national censuses and surveys, sectoral statistics, consolidation of selected administrative recording systems, and compilation of the national accounts;

WHEREAS, the PSA serves as the central statistical authority of the Philippine government on primary data collection and shall carry out, enforce and administer civil registration functions in the country as provided for in Act No. 3753, otherwise known as the Civil Registry Law;

WHEREAS, the data from the PSA-BARMM should reflect the accurate, complete, and timely demographics of the civil registry in the Bangsamoro Region in order to craft policies that are effective and responsive to the needs of the Bangsamoro People. To effectively formulate development plans, data reflective of the realities of the communities in the region is essential;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government must promote and maintain an efficient, responsive, and accessible civil registration and vital statistics systems. Through civil registration, Bangsamoro people are offered proof of legal identity, civil status, and family relationship, among others;

WHEREAS, it is important for the MILG to capacitate the LGUs and provide appropriate structures and processes in strengthening the civil registry services in the region;

WHEREAS, Section 479 of R.A. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, provides for the mandatory appointment of a civil registrar for city and municipal governments which shall be responsible for the civil registration program in the LGU concerned;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to direct the Ministry of Interior and Local Government (MILG) to implement programs on strengthening the civil registry services of Local Government Units (LGUs) with emphasis on the effective implementation of Muslim Personal Law in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

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