

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
Cotabato City

THIRD LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
(Second Regular Session)

Begun and held in Cotabato City, on Monday, the twenty eight day of April, nineteen hundred and ninety seven.

[MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 56]

AN ACT CONSTITUTING THE ANTI-DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Regional Legislative Assembly
in session assembled:

SECTION 1. Policy. - It is the declared policy of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to eradicate the proliferation of illegal drugs or other substances of similar nature and the rampant use thereof. Toward this end, an Anti-Drug Abuse Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, has to be formed to formulate measures, mechanisms and/or systems against its proliferation.

SEC. 2. Composition. - The Council shall be composed of the Regional Governor and the Regional Vice-Governor as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively with the following as members: Seven (7) members of the Regional Legislative Assembly to be selected by the members of the Assembly; Four (4) Provincial Governors; Regional Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government; Regional Secretary of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports; Regional Secretary of the Department of Health; Regional Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development; and Four (4) representatives from the private sector who shall all be appointed by the Chairman, each representing the religious, youth, business and women.



Membership in the Council of the members of the legislature shall be an extension of their legislative functions. Membership in the Council of the Regional Cabinet shall be in an ex officio capacity.

The Chairman and members of the Council who are government officials shall serve in the Council without any additional emoluments, allowances, or pay, by virtue of and in connection with the positions they have been elected to or appointed to, as the case may be.

SEC. 3. Functions, Duties and Obligations. - The Council shall have the following functions, duties and obligations:

a. To prepare and recommend to the Legislative Assembly proposals, measures and strategies for legislation or to the Executive Department for implementations or actions that would effectively respond to the campaign against drug-abuse, drug-dependence or drug-addiction;

b. To adopt measures, mechanisms and strategies regarding the information campaign for the curbing or elimination of drug-abuse, drug-dependence and drug-addiction in coordination with other agencies of the national and/or regional government or entity; and

c. To perform such other functions, duties and obligations as the Chairman of the Council may direct or prescribe.

SEC. 4. Secretariat. - The Office of the Regional Cabinet Secretary, to be assisted by the Regional Governor's Action Center, all under the Office of the Regional Governor, shall serve as the Secretariat of the Council.

SEC. 5. Meeting. - The Council shall meet at least once every quarter, but may be convened by its Chairman to such special meeting as may be necessary. The members of the Council shall be duly notified in advance of any meeting. The first meeting of the Council shall take place within one (1) month from the effectivity of this Act, at a time and place to be designated by the Chairman.

SEC. 6. Rules and Regulations. - The Council shall formulate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.



SEC. 7. Funding. - The funding of the Council shall be taken from the Contingent and/or Discretionary fund of the Office of the Regional Governor for the operation and maintenance of the Council.

SEC. 8. Separability Clause. - If for any reason or reasons, any part or provisions of this Act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other part or provisions thereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

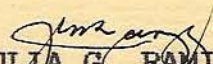
SEC. 9. Repealing Clause. - This Act repeals, expressly or impliedly, regional laws and other issuances found to be inconsistent therewith and therefore, shall be deemed superseded by this Act.

SEC. 10. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.


APPROVED:


KABILAN G. SEMA
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly on September 24, 1997.


JULIA G. RAMIREZ
Officer In-Charge
Office of the Secretary

APPROVED:


PROF. NUR MISUARI
Regional Governor
Date: _____

10 Nov. 1997
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