The Millennium Develop Goals (MDGs) are an ambitious undertaking by different countries all over the world to reduce the lives of the world’s poorest people around the globe. Eight goals with measurable targets and clear deadlines were identified with a target achievement date of 2015, using 1990 data as their benchmark. In 2015, thru the MDG, the number of people living on less than $1.25 a day has been reduced from 1.9 billion in 1990 to 836 million.

However, despite the monumental progress made by the MDGs, many people around the globe still live on less than $1.25 a day – the World Bank measure on poverty, many still do not have enough food to eat. Banking on the success and the lessons learned from the MDGs, “The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” were adopted by all the United Nations Member States during the UN Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012. 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were identified, which are an urgent call for action by all countries – developed and developing - in a global partnership. They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

Meanwhile, locally, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) released Ambisyon Natin 2040. Ambisyon Natin 2040 represents the collective long-term vision and aspirations of the Filipino people for themselves and for the country in the next 25 years. It describes the kind of life that people want to live, and how the country will be by 2040. As such, it is an anchor for development planning across at least four administrations. Under this long-term vision, government will aim to “triple real per capita incomes and eradicate hunger and poverty by 2040, if not sooner.”

The foregoing measure aims to create an SDG AN2040 Fund to ensure that the Philippines meets the SDGs as a Member-State of the United Nations as well as to realize the visions under AN2040, considering that President Rodrigo Duterte signed 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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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) AND AMBISYON NATIN 2040 FUND

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This act shall be known as the “Sustainable Development Goals and Ambisyon Natin 2040 Fund Act.”

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

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

SEC. 3. Creation of the SDG and Ambisyon Natin 2040 Fund. – There is hereby created the Sustainable Development Goals and Ambisyon Natin 2040 Fund (SDG AN2040 Fund), the proceeds of which shall be raised from the following sources:
a. Special Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PSCO) lotto draws. At least one special PCSO lotto draw per year up to 2030 shall be conducted by the PCSO; the 30% of Net Receipts (minus operating and other expenses) usually set aside as contribution to the charity fund shall be set aside for the SDG AN2040 Fund;

b. Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR). One percent (1%) of PAGCOR’s net income per year shall be set aside for SDG AN2040 Fund; and

c. Collection from Sin Taxes. One percent (1%) of tax collected from sin taxes allotted to health programs shall be set aside for the SDG AN2040 Fund.

SEC. 4. Board of Trustees. – The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Trustees, composed of the following:

a) Ex-officio Members (7):

1. Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), as Chairperson;

2. Secretary-General of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA);

3. Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH);

4. Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);

5. Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);

6. Secretary of the Department of Education (DepEd); and

7. Secretary of the Department of Agriculture (DA).

b) Appointive Members: Four (4) representatives from the private sector, one of who shall serve as the Executive Director and ex officio Vice Chairperson.

The Executive Director shall be elected by the Board annually from among the four (4) appointive members appointed by the President of the Philippines.
The selection, appointment, and term of office of the appointive members shall be in accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 10149, otherwise known as the GOCC Governance Act of 2011.

SEC. 5. Per Diems. – The members of the Board shall receive per diem for every board meeting attended: Provided, That per diems and any other allowances of the Board shall follow the guidelines set by the Department of Budget and Management: Provided, further, That the Directors shall not be entitled to retirement benefits as such directors.

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

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

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

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

SEC. 9. Funding. – The Executive Director shall submit to the Board its annual budget including operating and maintenance expenses as well as personnel services to be allocated from the SDG AN2040 Fund.
SEC. 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within six (6) months following approval, the Board created herein, in consultation with DILG, NEDA, DOH, DSWD, DENR, DepEd and DA, and private sector representatives, shall prepare the IRR to implement this Act. In particular, the IRR shall identify priority areas where the SDG AN2040 Fund shall be implemented, type of programs/projects to be funded, schedule of release of funds, etc.

SEC. 11. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 12. Repealing Clause. – All laws, executive orders or issuances, or any parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 13. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,