



AN ACT OPERATIONALIZING THE BANGSAMORO OFFICIAL GAZETTE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Comments

1. Missing section:

- a. The bill lacks its key section, which is to propose the publication of Bangsamoro official gazette. This section shall also include why there is a need to have a gazette in BARMM and the benefits BARMM can gain if it has an official gazette.

2. On section 5 – 9 Bangsamoro Information Office (BIO) and its structure

- a. The order on how sec. 5 to 9 is written makes it difficult to grasp the bill's recommendation that BIO shall be the responsible office for the operation of the Bangsamoro Official Gazette.
- b. The contents of section 5 to 8, which is a description of the character and structure of BIO, appear to be irrelevant, if the bill's intent is to establish BIO as the responsible office for managing the Bangsamoro gazette. It is not clear how the BIO's character is related to a bill that establishes the official gazette.
- c. We sense that sections 5-8 are written to set ground on why BIO shall be the responsible office for the Bangsamoro gazette. If this is the case, our suggestion is to digest the sections 5 to 8 and write it in a manner that articulates why the BIO shall be the responsible agency in managing Bangsamoro Gazette.

3. Missing organizational structure. While the bill indicated that BIO shall be the responsible office in managing the Bangsamoro gazette, the bill does not include the organizational structure of the body or team that will manage the Bangsamoro gazette. If the bill points at the BIO as the responsible agency, it raises question on whether BIO has sufficient staff to handle additional workload.

- a. PRLS recommends looking at the organizational structure of BIO and verify whether they have enough staff to manage the gazette. If there are areas in BIO that can still manage the gazette, then one can merely assign such organization for the task. Or if there is none, then there is a need to establish a separate body that will focus on the operations of the official gazette.

4. On section 11 clarity of Arabic translation. Please clarify when the gazette shall publish Filipino and Arabic translation. It is not clear whether Filipino



translation will be immediately available; or, both Arabic and Filipino will only be available upon request.

5. On section 11 suggestion. Since we want to unify and diversify the bangsamoro official gazette, it is easier to have a bangsamoro language translation (i.e. Maguindanaon, Maranao, Tausug, etc.)

6. Recommended model for the bill on official gazette:

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