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REQUIRING SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIALS TO UNDERGO BASIC
FIRST AID TRAINING**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the event of a medical emergency, first aid is the initial assistance provided to an individual in the absence of medical professionals. In the worst of cases, first aid can save lives by preventing the worsening of injuries while waiting for medical professionals to arrive/respond.

First aid training, therefore, is a fundamental and valuable life skill that should be taught to the youth. It instills to individuals to be responsible for the welfare others, adding to the sense of *bayanihan* within the community.

The Sangguninag Kabataan (SK) as the primary level of local youth government are expected to help address the problems in the neighborhood and the community. SK officials are entrusted with public functions of maintaining peace and order, promoting general welfare and the exercise of the Filipinos' *bayanihan* spirit of mutual help and community action.

In furtherance of the functions of the SK, this proposed measure requires all SK officials to undergo basic first aid training. The National Youth Commission, in coordination with SK officials, is also mandated to develop policies and programs to encourage the youth to participate in basic first aid trainings.

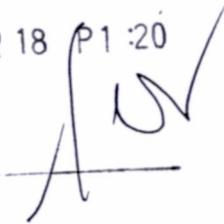
In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment of this measure is earnestly sought.

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “***Mandatory First***
2 ***Aid Training for SK Officials Act of 2019***”

3 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** - It is hereby declared the policy of the State
4 to protect and promote the well-being and health of the people. It is also the policy
5 of the State to recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote
6 and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. Pursuant
7 to these national policies, the State shall promote awareness and instill consciousness
8 among Filipino youth on the importance of first aid and immediate care in times of
9 emergency or serious injury.

10 **SEC. 3. *Mandatory First Aid Training for SK Officials.*** – All Sangguniang
11 Kabataan (SK) officials shall, within three (3) months from their assumption to office,
12 undergo basic first aid training by the Department of Health or other reputable
13 organizations or institutions providing such training who shall issue the necessary
14 certifications for this purpose. SK Officials shall submit to the Department of Interior
15 and Local Government (DILG) a copy of their training certification.

1 **SEC. 4. *First Aid Training for the Youth.*** – The National Youth Commission,
2 in collaboration with Sangguniang Kabataan officials, shall formulate policies and
3 programs to encourage the youth to undergo basic first aid training.

4 **SEC. 5. *First Aid Kits.*** – Local government units shall ensure that all barangay
5 halls and SK offices are equipped with first aid kits.

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7 **SEC 6. *Appropriations.*** - The amounts necessary for the implementation of
8 this Act shall be included in the budget of the National Youth Commission in the annual
9 General Appropriations Act.

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11 **SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of his Act is declared invalid
12 or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain valid.

13 **SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.*** – All acts, executive orders, administrative orders,
14 proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with any of the
15 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

16 **SEC. 9. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
17 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,