



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1330

BY REPRESENTATIVES MARCOLETA, ENVERGA, ABAYA, TEVES, RAMOS,
MARIANO, OBILLO, GARBIN, BATOCABE AND CO

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BARANGAY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT APPROACH FOR NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT (BIDANI) OF THE RURAL POOR AS A NETWORK PROGRAM OF THE PARTICIPATING STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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 “Barangay
2 Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) Act
3 of 2012”.

4 SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the
5 State to recognize nutrition as a basic human right, just as the rights to health
6 and to life are. Towards this end, the State shall promote vigorously the
7 importance of nutrition as a public good and public concern that can be
8 achieved only through multisectoral efforts and democratic process. It shall
9 work towards the provision of the nutritional needs of the poor sector of the
10 Filipino society who are deprived of said right. Further, the State shall give

1 utmost support to programs and projects that are responsive to the nutritional
2 needs of the people.

3 SEC. 3. *Objectives.* – This Act shall have the following objectives:

4 (a) Encourage cooperation and participation of academic institutions
5 and local government units in promoting the nutritional well-being of the
6 country;

7 (b) Evolve among state colleges and universities an effective
8 action-research network program that will improve the nutrition and general
9 well-being of the rural poor, thereby assisting in the development of local
10 communities; and

11 (c) Enhance the productivity and employability of the rural poor by
12 improving their nutrition and life status.

13 SEC. 4. *Establishment of the Barangay Integrated Development*
14 *Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) Program.* – The Barangay
15 Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI)
16 is hereby established as a nutrition-in-development research program involving
17 state colleges and universities which aims to assist the national government in
18 improving the nutrition and general well-being of the poor.

19 SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The National
20 Nutrition Council (NNC), in coordination with the participating state colleges
21 and universities, shall prepare and issue the necessary rules and regulations for
22 the effective implementation of this Act.

23 SEC. 6. *Funding and Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for
24 the implementation of the BIDANI network program is hereby annually
25 appropriated and included in the budget of participating state colleges and
26 universities in the annual General Appropriations Act.

27 Participating state colleges and universities may also get funds,
28 donations and other forms of financial support from foreign and local persons,

1 institutions and governments for the implementation of the BIDANI network
2 program.

3 SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules
4 and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the
5 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

6 SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days
7 following its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general
8 circulation.

Approved,

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