

RLA BILL NO. 1

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

First Regular Session

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

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[Regional Act No. 1]

AN ACT ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. Adoption of the Official Seal. - There is hereby adopted an Official Seal of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, which is a distinct and separate political entity within the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of the Philippines, for authentication and other purposes as may be necessary in its official acts, reflective and descriptive of the peculiar heritage, dreams and aspirations of its people which should likewise serve as a common bond and unifying spirit of the constituents thereat.

Section 2. Description and Interpretation. - The Official Seal shall be in circular design with the words "AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO" clearly printed or engraved immediately around its outer portion and the term "Official Seal" shall be inscribed at the lower portion between the words "Autonomous" and "Mindanao."

At the center of the seal is the handle of the Kris, slightly drawn, with four small stars at its left side and one big star at its right side, and the Crescent should partially engulf the stars and the handle of the Kris.

The Crescent and the stars shall be yellow in color, the handle of the Kris shall be white, and the background together with the words inscribed therein shall be in green: Provided, That all the features embellished within the seal shall be interpreted as follows:

- a. The handle of the Kris is the common symbol of authority used by the major tribes in the area. White in color as it stands for purity; and only slightly drawn as it is for peace.
- b. The Crescent symbolizes the predominance of its Muslim populace. Its yellow color typifies the social class structure of its major tribes.
- c. The four small stars represent its component provinces, namely: Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi. The big star represents the Republic of the Philippines.
- d. The background is green to show its fertile soil, rich vegetation and animal life, and abundant natural resources.

Section 3. Appropriation. - The sum of Twenty Thousand Pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds of the Executive Department of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao not otherwise appropriated, to defray and cover the cost of the reproduction of the seal, dry seals, lapel pins or insignias, stickers and such others as may be necessary, for the official exclusive use of the Members of the Regional Legislative Assembly, the Regional Governor, Regional Vice Governor and other officials of the Autonomous

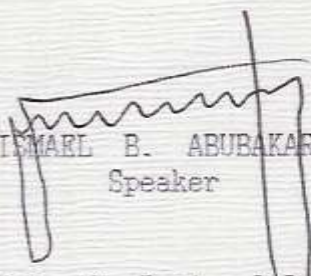
Region in Muslim Mindanao, subject to accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Section 4. Separability clause. - Should any part or provision herein be subsequently declared unconstitutional and/or not among those authorized in R.A. No. 6734, otherwise known as An Act Providing For An Organic Act For The Autonomous Region In Muslim Mindanao, the same shall not affect the validity or the legality of the other parts and provisions.

Section 5. Repealing clause. - Any part or provision hereof may be repealed, amended and/or modified when circumstances may so require: Provided, That all laws, orders, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

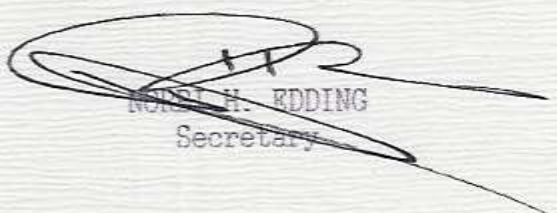
Section 6. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

APPROVED.



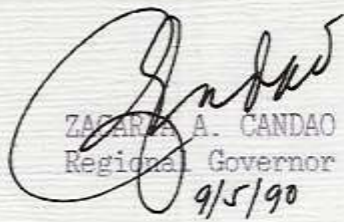
ISMARL B. ABUBAKAR, JR.
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly on September 3, 1990.



NORIEL H. EDDING
Secretary

Approved:



ZACARIA A. CANDAO
Regional Governor

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