

RLA BILL NO. 49

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

Second Regular Session

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

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[ Regional Act No. 6 ]

AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC OFFICES, BUSINESS ENTITIES AND STREETS WITHIN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO TO BEAR NAMES WRITTEN IN ARABIC AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Title. - This Act shall be known as "AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC OFFICES, BUSINESS ENTITIES AND STREETS WITHIN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO TO BEAR NAMES WRITTEN IN ARABIC AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES".

SECTION 2. When used in this Act:

- a. Public offices shall refer to buildings and offices of the national government including the independent Commissions, the regional government, provincial government, municipal government, and government-owned or controlled corporations.



- b. Business entities shall cover commercial establishments, stores, restaurants, parlors, shops, private schools, and transportation facilities whether by air, land or sea; Provided, that transportation vehicle in transit and/or one that transacts its main business outside the ARMM shall be covered on voluntary basis.
- c. Streets shall include roads, bridges, alleys and highways.
- d. ARMM is the acronym of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and refers to the four provinces of Tawi-Tawi, Sulu, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, and other places outside these provinces but which are owned by ARMM.

SECTION 3. All public offices, business entities and streets within the ARMM shall be required to bear names written in Arabic.

SECTION 4. The size and prominence of the Arabic names shall be similar to the English or Pilipino words: Provided, however, that the Arabic names shall be displayed on top of the English or Pilipino names.

SECTION 5. To ensure compliance with this Act, the ARMM-Department of Local Government offices and all municipal governments within the ARMM are charged with the responsibilities of monitoring and inspecting the public offices, the business entities, and the streets covered herein. Pursuant thereto, the ARMM-Department of Local Government is authorized to issue guidelines implementing this Act.

SECTION 6. Penal Clause.- Failure to comply with the provisions of this Act shall be punishable as follows: Fine of Three Hundred (P300.00) Pesos for First offense and revocation of business license/permit for the Second offense, in the case of business entities; and reprimand for First offense and suspension from office for Second offense, in the case of heads of public offices.

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SECTION 7. Any provision of this Act that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other provisions hereof as long as such remaining provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SECTION 8. All Regional laws, Ordinances, Rules and Regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED.



ISMAEL B. ABUBAKAR, JR.  
Speaker

This Act was passed by the Regional Legislative Assembly on July 2, 1991.



NORBERT H. EDDING  
Secretary General

Approved:



ZACARIAS M. CANDAO  
Regional Governor