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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The state is cognizant, that energy is collected from renewable resources, which mostly are then naturally replenished on a human period, such of these are sunlight, wind, rain, tides, waves, and geothermal heat. Renewable energy primarily provides energy in four vital important areas; *electricity generation, air and water heating/cooling, transportation, and rural (off-grid) energy services.*

This House Bill seeks to create the *National Renewable Energy Resources Institute*, the government entity that shall spearhead the implementation and application of policies and mechanisms on the development of Renewable Energy Resources in the country.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Romero".

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AN ACT

**CREATING THE NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY
RESOURCES INSTITUTE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1: SHORT TITLE – This Act shall be known as the “**National Renewable Energy Resources Institute Act**”.

SECTION 2: DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is the policy of the State to ensure the development of the country's Energy development programs.

The State recognizes the importance of *Renewable Energy research* and development to foster economic progress, and promote its resources and application.

The State recognizes the need to promote *Renewable Energy resources* for the welfare of all Filipinos and the entire country.

SECTION 3: CREATION OF THE NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES INSTITUTE – There shall hereby be created the *National Renewable Energy Resources Institute*, hereinafter referred to as the Institute.

SECTION 4: MANDATE – The Institute shall be the primary policy, planning, coordinating, implementing, and administrative entity of the Executive Branch of the government that will plan, develop, and promote the *Renewable Energy Resources* development and application.

SECTION 5: POWERS AND FUNCTIONS – The Institute shall exercise the following powers and functions:

I. Policy and Planning

- (a) Formulate, recommend and implement national policies, plans, programs and guidelines that will promote the development and harness the potential of renewable energy resources with due consideration for the country’s welfare and success;
- (b) Formulate policies and initiatives, in regards with the *National Energy Development Program*, in collaboration with the Department of Energy;
- (c) Provide an integrated framework and programs in order to optimize the potential of our renewable energy resources;
- (d) Prescribe rules and regulations for the establishment, operation and maintenance of the Institute resources and programs; and
- (e) Establish renewable energy resources facilities that will be accessible to the general public;

II. Resource-Sharing and Capacity-Building

- (f) Harmonize and coordinate all renewable energy resources programs, plans and initiatives to ensure opportunities and maximum development of our country;
- (g) Assist and provide technical expertise to government agencies in the development of guidelines in the enforcement

and administration of laws, standards, rules, and regulations governing the Institute;

(h) Assess, review and support renewable energy resources related research and development programs of the government in coordination with the appropriate government agencies and other institutions concerned;

(i) Prescribe the personnel qualifications and other qualification standards essential to the effective development and operation of Institute;

(j) Develop programs that would enhance the career advancement opportunities of the Institute and other personnel;

(k) Assist in the dissemination of vital information essential to disaster risk reduction and preparedness through its activities;

(k) Represent and negotiate for Philippine interest on matters pertaining to renewable energy resources in international bodies, in coordination with the appropriate government agencies and other institutions concerned;

(l) Establish guidelines for public-private partnerships in the implementation and application of renewable energy resources for development; and

(m) Promote strategic partnerships and alliances between and among local and international Energy resources body and/or competitor, for the research and development, educational and training institutions, to enhance competitiveness of all personnel and workers.

SECTION 6: REGIONAL OFFICES – The Institute shall establish, operate, and maintain a regional office in the different administrative regions of the country as the need arises.

Each regional office shall be headed by a Regional Director who may be assisted by one (1) Assistant Regional Director.

The Regional Director and Assistant Regional Director shall be appointed by the President of the republic.

The regional offices shall have, within their respective administrative regions, the following functions:

- (a) Implement laws, policies, plans, programs, projects, rules and regulations of the Institute:
- (b) Provide efficient and effective service to the people:
- (c) Coordinate with regional offices of other departments, offices, and agencies;
- (d) Coordinate with the LGUs; and
- (e) Perform such other functions as may be provided by law or assigned by President of the Institute.

SECTION 7: SECTORAL AND INDUSTRY TASK FORCES – The Institute shall create sectoral and industry, task forces, technical working groups, advisory bodies or committees for the furtherance of its objectives.

Additional private sector representatives, such as from the academe, civil society organizations (CSOs), and federation of private industries directly involved in energy resources concerns, as well as representatives of other National Government Agencies (NGAs).

Local Government Units (LGUs) and Government Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) may be appointed to these working groups.

Government energy resources experts may also be tapped to partake work in the Institute through, these working groups.

SECTION 8: SEPARATION AND RETIREMENT OF SERVICE – Employees who are separated from service within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Act as a result of the consolidation and/or reorganization under the provisions of this Act shall receive separation benefits to which they may be entitled under Executive Order No. 366, s. 2004:

Provided, that those who are qualified to retire under existing requirement laws shall be allowed to retire and receive retirement benefits to which they may be entitled under applicable laws and issuances.

SECTION 9: STRUCTURE AND STAFFING PATTERN – Subject to the approval of the *Department of Budget and Management (DBM)*, the Institute shall determine its organizational structure and create new divisions or units as it may deem necessary, and shall appoint officers and employees of the Institute in accordance with the civil service law, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 10: APPROPRIATION – The amount needed for the initial implementation of this Act shall be One Billion Pesos **(1,000,000,000.00)** taken from the National Treasury.

Thereafter, the amount needed for the operation and maintenance of the Institute shall be included in the General Appropriations Act **(GAA)**, the year after the enactment of this act, and thereafter.

SECTION 11: IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The *Department of Energy (DOE)* and all other agencies and departments concerned shall issue within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 12: SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. — If any provision or part hereof is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 13: REPEALING CLAUSE. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14: EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.