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Excerpt from the journal of the 57th Regular Session of the 12th Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at the Session Hall of Bacolod City Government Center.

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella	Presiding Officer
Councilor Al Victor A. Espino	Floor Leader
Councilor Caesar Z. Distrito	
Councilor Israel P. Salanga	
Councilor Em L. Ang	
Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson	
Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa	
Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor	
Councilor Dindo C. Ramos	
Councilor Roberto M. Rojas	
Councilor Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr.	
Councilor Psyche Marie E. Sy	
Councilor Homer Q. Bais	
Councilor Danna Marie C. Barzo	
Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen	

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RESOLUTION NO. 913
Series of 2026

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1555, AUTHORED BY SENATOR JUAN MIGUEL ZUBIRI, ENTITLED "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO SELF-DEFENSE AND DEFENSE OF PROPERTY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 11 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE".

Upon motion of Floor Leader Al Victor A. Espino, jointly seconded by Councilors Caesar Z. Distrito, Em L. Ang, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Celia Matea R. Flor and Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

RESOLVED, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 5, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that:

> "the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy";

WHEREAS, Article 11 of Act No. 3815, as amended, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code, provides for justifying circumstances under which individuals do not incur any criminal liability, including actions taken in lawful self-defense, defense of relatives, and defense of strangers;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1555, introduced by Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri, seeks to strengthen and protect the right to self-defense by establishing a legal presumption of unlawful aggression when a person uses force against an intruder who forcibly or illegally enters their home, vehicle, or place of business;

WHEREAS, the amendment strikes a necessary balance by providing victims of home invasions and violent entries the legal protection they urgently need during split-second, life-threatening decisions without promoting lawlessness or vigilante violence;

WHEREAS, the bill explicitly extends the legal presumption to cover self-defense acts occurring within three vital zones of safety, to wit: a person's dwelling place, vehicle, or place of business or workplace;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1555 affirms the State's constitutional obligation to safeguard the life, liberty, and rights of its citizens by empowering law-abiding Filipinos to protect themselves, their families, and their properties against violent and unlawful intrusion;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, in session duly assembled, to express support for Senate Bill No. 1555, authored by Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri, entitled "An Act strengthening the Right of Citizens to self-defense and defense of property, amending for the purpose Article 11 of Act No. 3815, As Amended, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code".

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Caesar Z. Distrito, Em L. Ang, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Celia Matea R. Flor, Dindo C. Ramos, Roberto M. Rojas, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Psyche Marie E. Sy, Homer Q. Bais, Al Victor A. Espino, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Danna Marie C. Barzo.

Negative : N o n e .

Comments : P a s s e d .
Councilor Israel P. Salanga was not around when this resolution was passed.

CLAUDIO JESUS RAYMUNDO A. PUENTEVELLA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

VCP/CGT/llt