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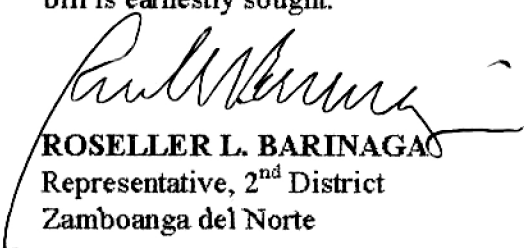
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill requires local government units to appropriate 10% of their development funds to support the implementation of the Social Reform Agenda.

The annual budgets of local government units are heavily focused on infrastructure development programs leaving social services and other development programs a second priority. However, the rationale for the foregoing would not be served unless the primary objectives of social reform are given equal emphasis. It is, therefore, the intent of this bill to approximate an equalization in the allotment of local government resources by requiring municipalities, cities and provinces to appropriate not less than ten percent (10%) of their annual development funds to support programs under the ambit of the Social Reform Agenda.

In view of the urgency of implementing the Social Reform measures, the early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

MANDATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO APPROPRIATE 10% OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE SOCIAL REFORM AGENDA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 324 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991.

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

SECTION 1. Section 324 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991" is hereby amended by adding a new paragraph designated as (e), to read as follows:

"SEC. 324. **Budgetary Requirements.** – The budgets of local government units for any fiscal year shall comply with the following requirements:

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(E) TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT FUND APPROPRIATION SHALL BE EARMARKED TO SUPPORT THE SOCIAL REFORM AGENDA.

SEC. 2. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and all other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. If any part or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,