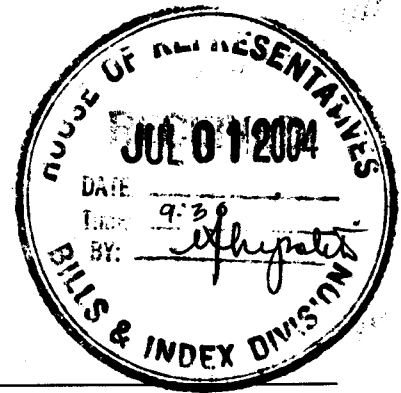


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This is the third re-filing of this legislative proposal registered as House Bill No. 5809 and House Bill No. 846 in the 11th and 12th Congresses, respectively.

This legislative initiative proposes to amend certain provisions of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known and cited as the Local Government Code of 1991 that will ensure the automatic release of the share of the host communities of the national taxes and impositions on the utilization and development of national wealth.

This legislative proposal is anchored on the following compelling reasons:

1. To strengthen the barangay by providing them with adequate financial resources by directly remitting to them their rightful share of the national taxes;
2. To empower our barangays officials to managed their own financial resources;
3. Enhance the capability of our barangay officials and the people in the barangay to manage and sustain the socio-economic development of their respective barangays.

Let us correct the prevailing circumstances where the barangay officials have to literally beg for their rightful share from the provincial, municipal and city officials including treasurers and budget officers of the national taxes and impositions on the utilization and development of national wealth.

Let the 13th Congress free the barangay officials from this tedious bureaucratic process and hasten the attainment of our goal of full decentralization and sustained growth up to the lowest levels of our political communities by approving this bill.


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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 286, CHAPTER 1 AND SECTION 293, CHAPTER 2, TITLE 3, BOOK II, RESPECTIVELY, OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. *Amendment.* - Section 286, Chapter 1, Title 3, Book II is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 286. *Automatic Release of Shares.* - (a) The share of each local government unit shall be released, without need of any further action, directly to the provincial, city, municipal or barangay treasurer, as the case may be, on a quarterly basis within five (5) days after the end of each quarter, and which shall not be subject to any lien or holdback that may be imposed by the National Government, AND LIKEWISE THE SHARE OF THE BARANGAYS SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY LIEN OR HOLD BACK THAT MAY BE IMPOSED BY PROVINCIAL, CITY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, for whatever purpose.

(b) Nothing in this Chapter shall be understood to diminish the share of local government units under existing laws."

SEC. 2. *Amendment.* - Section 293, Chapter 2, Title 3, Book II is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 293. - *Remittance of the Share of Local Government Units.* - The share of local government units from the utilization and development of national wealth shall be remitted in accordance with Section 286 of this Code: Provided, however, That in the case of any government agency or government-owned or controlled corporation engaged in the utilization and development of the national wealth, such share shall be directly remitted to the provincial, city, municipal or barangay treasurer concerned within five (5) days after the end of each quarter. PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT THE SHARE OF THE HOST BARANGAY/S SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY LIEN OR HOLD BACK THAT MAY BE IMPOSED BY PROVINCIAL, CITY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE."

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect within immediately upon approval.

Approved,