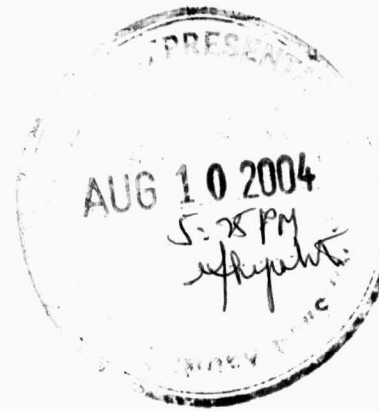


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HOUSE BILL NO. 2322

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to increase the amount of supplies and equipment items which may be purchased by local government units without public bidding and the approval of the Committee on Awards.

Bureaucratic red tape has long been a fixture of our government machinery. As a result, public service suffers and the people do not get the needed services that they rightly deserve. The delay or non-delivery of basic services, from infrastructure to medical supplies and equipment, is attributed to the tedious procurement procedure under existing laws and procedures. For instance, although Section 367 of RA 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991) allows procurement through personal canvass, the same is still subject to approval by the Committee on Awards. It is also felt that the amounts fixed are too low as to exclude higher priced but urgently needed facilities and equipment. Hence, this Bill.

Removing the red tape on procurement of certain equipment facilities and supplies will demonstrate to the people that their officials are concerned with their welfare and are capable of providing quick and adequate responses to their needs.

Approval of this Bill is therefore urgently sought.

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AN ACT

**INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES WHICH MAY BE PROCURED BY
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS THROUGH PERSONAL CANVASS, THEREBY
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 367 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160**

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

SECTION 1. Section 367 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 367. Procurement through Personal Canvass. -
[Upon approval by the Committee on Awards,]
[p]Procurement of supplies may be effected after personal
canvass of at least three (3) responsible suppliers in the
locality by a committee of three (3) composed of the local
general services officer or the municipal barangay treasurer,
as the case may be, the local accountant, and the head of office
or department for whose use the supplies are being procured.
[The a]Awards [shall be decided] **MADE UNDER THIS
SECTION SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW** by the
Committee on Awards.

“Purchase under this Section shall not exceed the amounts
specified hereunder for all items in any one (1) month for each
local government unit:

“Provinces and Cities and Municipalities within the Metropolitan Manila Area:

First and Second Class - [One hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000.00)] FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00)

Third and Fourth Class - [One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00)] FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P400,000.00)

Fifth and Sixth Class - [Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00)] TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000.00)

Municipalities:

First Class - [Sixty thousand pesos (P60,000.00)] TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000.00)

Second and Third Class - [Forty thousand pesos (P40,000.00)] TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000.00)

Fourth Class and Below - [Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00)] ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P150,000.00)”

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,