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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The local development councils (LDCs) as provided for under R.A. NO. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code should be an effective avenue for coordinating local development within the territorial jurisdiction of local government units.

Presently, however, LDCs leaves much to be desired. Many local government units have low NGO and PO participation in development planning and are not effectively assisting the *sanggunians* in setting the direction of economic and social development, as mandated under Section 106 of R.A. NO. 7160. This is because local government executives are not strictly enforcing Article 64 of the Local Government Code implementing rules and regulations.

This bill seeks to compel local chief executives to convene and organize their respective LDCs.

During the 12th Congress, this bill was referred to the House Committee on Local Government, on 1st Reading. But due to time constraints, it was never taken up again. This bill is therefore re-filed for the consideration of this Congress.


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AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 106 of R.A. NO. 7160, otherwise known as the Local
Government Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 106. *Local Development Council.* – (a)
Each local government unit shall have a
comprehensive multi-sectoral development plan
to be initiated by its development council and
approved by its sanggunian. For this purpose,
the development council at the provincial, city,
municipal, or barangay level shall assist the
corresponding sanggunian in setting the
direction of economic and social development,
and coordinating development efforts within its
territorial jurisdiction.

(B) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF ALL
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS SHALL
CONVENE THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCAL
DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS WITHIN
THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THEIR
ASSUMPTION TO OFFICE.

(C) THE LEAGUE OF PROVINCES,
LEAGUE OF CITIES, LEAGUE OF
MUNICIPALITIES, *LIGA NG MGA*
BARANGAY SHALL MONITOR
COMPLIANCE BY THEIR RESPECTIVE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS WITH THIS SECTION AND SECTION 110 HEREOF.

(D) THE LEAGUES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS SHALL SUBMIT THEIR RESPECTIVE REPORTS TO CONGRESS, THROUGH THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM THE INITIAL CONVENING OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND EVERY JANUARY OF EVERY YEAR.

(E) ANY LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE WHO SHALL FAIL TO CONVENE THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 106 HEREOF, WITHOUT VALID GROUNDS SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) DAYS. SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE FOR A PERIOD OF NINETY (90) DAYS.

SEC. 2. Section 110 of the same Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 110. *Meetings and Quorum.* – AFTER ITS INITIAL CONVENING, [T]he local development council shall meet EVERY MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER [at least once every six (6) months] or as often as may be necessary.

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, rules and regulations or parts thereof, contrary or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. If any part or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions thereof.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,