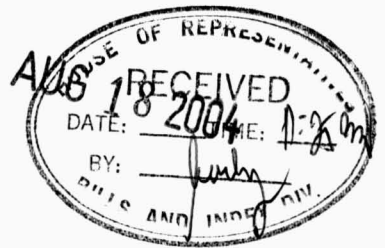


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

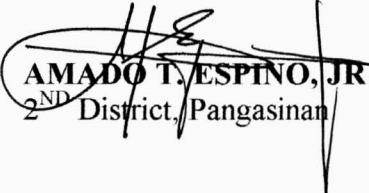
This Bill seeks to expand the powers, duties and functions of the *punong barangays* by amending Sec. 389, Chapter 3 of the Local Government Code of 1991.

The *Punong Barangays* can be effective instrument in the prevention, use and sale of illegal drugs if this particular task is included as among their powers, duties and functions. There is no doubt that the problem of prevention, use and sale of illegal drugs can be minimized if not totally eradicated with the mandated participation of *punong barangays*.

Likewise, the *punong barangays* can also be effective instrument in updating the statistics in population from year to year instead of the data from the National Statistics Office, which are more often obsolete and therefore unreliable. It is a fact that statistics in population is very useful in planning and for other purposes, hence the need to maintain an updated and available data and information especially in the implementation of all laws pertinent thereto by certain agencies of the government. .

The repair and maintenance of roads is a primary responsibility of the Department of Public Works and Highways. However, very often, even the minor repair and maintenance of roads are delayed and inevitably hinder the effective delivery of basic services to the people. Thus this Bill further seeks to entrust to the *punong barangays* the minor repair and maintenance of municipal and barangay roads to achieve immediate results.

In view of the foregoing premises, approval of this Bill is strongly recommended.


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AN ACT
TO EXPAND THE POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF A PUNONG
BARANGAY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 389, CHAPTER 3 OF
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. Section 389, Chapter 3 of the Local Government Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 389. Chief Executive: Powers, Duties, and Functions. –

- a) The *punong barangay*, as the chief executive of the barangay government, shall exercise such powers and perform such duties and functions, as provided by this Code and other laws.
- b) For efficient, effective and economical governance, the purpose of which is the general welfare of the barangay and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code, the punong barangay shall:

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“(16) ENFORCE ALL LAWS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO
THE PREVENTION, USE AND SALE OF ILLEGAL GRUGS.”

“(17) PERFORM MINOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF
MUNICIPAL AND BARANGAY ROADS IN COORDINATION WITH THE
MAYORS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE MUNICIPALITIES OR CITIES.”

“(18) CONDUCT ANNUALLY A CENSUS OF THE POPULATION
OF BARANGAY AND SUBMIT THE RESULT OF SUCH CENSUS TO THE
NATIONAL CENSUS STATISTICS OFFICE THROUGH THE MAYOR OF
SUCH MUNICIPALITY OR CITY.”

Section 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of national circulation.

Approved,