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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2847



Introduced by Honorable M. Dangwa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, particularly Section 469 (a) states, "There shall be a Secretary to the Sanggunian who shall be a career official with the rank and salary equal to a head of department or office." This provision of law clearly and categorically implies that the position of Secretary to the Sanggunian in the Local Government Units, the province, cities and municipalities, is of lower rank or category compared to the head of other department or offices within the Local Government Units.

During the 14 year period of the Code's effectivity, it has been observed that aside from their mandated duties and responsibilities, the secretaries to the Sanggunian perform other functions necessary in bringing the needed closer coordination and cooperation between the local policy makers and their constituents.

Considering that the Secretary to the Sanggunian performs equally important functions similar to heads of other departments in the Local Government Units, it is equally proper and fitting that the position of Secretary to the Sanggunian be upgraded to the rank or level of a department head, in order to give the proper respect, dignity and recognition that befits the position.


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“AN ACT UPGRADING THE POSITION OF THE SECRETARIES OF THE SANGGUNIAN, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991.”

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

SECTION 1. Section 469 (a), title Five, of the Local Government

Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 469.- (a) There shall be a secretary to the sanggunian who shall be a career official [with the rank and salary equal to the head of a department or office] **AND A HEAD OF A DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE.**”

SECTION 2. All laws, decrees, executive orders, presidential issuances and circulars issued by administrative bodies which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect after (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.