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House Bill No. 4528

Introduced by Rep. **SALACNIB F. BATERINA**

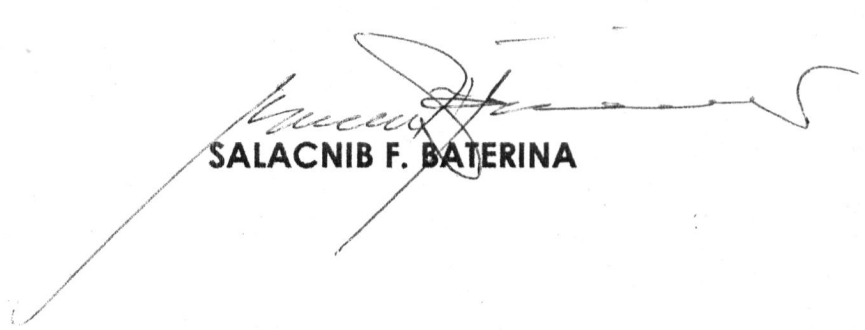
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to increase the ceiling tax on idle lands from five (5%) percent to ten (10%) percent to give local government units (LGUs) more flexibility in its imposition. The current maximum of five (5%) percent has not proven to be a deterrent against non-utilization of agricultural lands for productive purposes neither as a stimulant for LGUs to maximize its revenue potentials.

There are moves to nationalize the imposition of the idle land tax but at this point when LGUs are still learning the ropes of governance and self sufficiency, it would be imprudent to take away the power to impose this tax away from them.

Further, the five (5%) percent idle tax has been in existence since the 1970s but to date, it remains idle. If we were to make idle land tax more dynamic, let us raise it by all means and let us allow the LGUs to make best use of the revenues this additional tax shall provide.

In view of the foregoing, early approval of this bill is urgently and anxiously solicited.


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**AN ACT INCREASING THE TAX ON IDLE LANDS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE, SECTION 236 OF R.A. NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991.**

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 236 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended as
2 follows:

3 SEC. 236. *Additional Ad Valorem Tax on Idle Lands.*- A province or
4 city, of a municipality within the Metropolitan Manila, may levy an annual tax
5 on idle lands at the rate not exceeding [five] TEN percent [(5%)] (10%) of the
6 assessed value of the property which shall be in addition to the basic real
7 property tax."

8 SECTION 2. All other acts, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations,
9 or part or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or
10 modified accordingly.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its publication in two (2)
12 newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.