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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under the Local Government Code of the Philippines it is mandated therein that Congress can make a review of the existing provisions of this code and recommend revisions.

In various consultations with the concerned constituents nationwide, it has been determined that amendments to the Local Government Code of 1991 should be introduced to rationalized the delivery of social services to the public.

The government's thrust in enhancing the delivery of social services to the Filipinos can be achieved by the Renationalization of the Social Services. The measure is to address the flaws and deficiencies in the delivery of social services to the needing population.

Hence, early approval of this bill is requested.


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AN ACT
REVERTING TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT THE
DISCHARGE OF BASIC SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES
DEVOLVED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) AND
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 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.*

SECTION 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as the
“Renationalization of Devolved Social Services & Facilities Act.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is policy of the State to
promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and
independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through
policies that provide adequate social services and improved the quality of
life of the society.

SECTION 3. Objectives. – The objectives of this Act are the
following:

- a) To prevent the further deterioration of the government social
welfare services and facilities brought about by devolution;

- b) To provide essential and immediate social welfare services to the people especially to the poor and marginalized sector of society;
- c) To improved the well- being of devolved social welfare workers;
- d) To develop a professional social welfare manpower that is responsive to the people's social welfare needs and problems

SECTION 4. Re- Nationalization. – All social welfare services and facilities devolved to the local government units are hereby re-nationalized or returned to the national government. For this purpose, the following provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991 or RA 7160 are hereby deleted and declared no longer enforceable and effective: Section 17 (b) paragraph 1 (ii), 2 (iv), 3 (v), (d) & (e) [for social welfares services only]: Title VI [for social welfare development & services only] and other related provisions of the Local Government Code that pertains to devolved social welfare services and facilities.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved.