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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Our Constitution provides that "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature".

It is an undeniable fact that economic and industrial development comes with adverse effect, often irreversible, to the environment.

It is our intergenerational responsibility to assert a right to a sound environment. The mandatory appointment of a provincial, city and municipal environmental officer will help ensure environmental sustainability alongside economic development.



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**AN ACT MANDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER**

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 484(a) of Republic act no. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 484. Qualifications, powers and duties. –

(a) x x x The appointment of the environment and natural resources officer is [optional]  
**MANDATORY** for provincial, city, and municipal governments.

**SECTION 2. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 3. Effectivity.** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*