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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **3542**

Introduced by Honorable Pablo Roces Nava III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It is one of the operative principles in local autonomy that local officials and employees shall be appointed and removed, according to merit and fitness by the appropriate local chief executive. Exceptions to the rule include the municipal, city and provincial treasurers. These officials are appointed by the Secretary of Finance from a list of three (3) recommendees of the governor or mayor.

For more accountable, responsive and responsible local government officials, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991," requires that heads of departments and offices shall be appointed by the governor or mayor with the concurrence of their respective sanggunian.

This bill seeks to apply this mechanism of checks and balance in the appointment of one of the important mandatory positions in local government units and submits the need to apply the same in the process of finalization of the list of at least three (3) ranking eligible recommendees for the position of treasurer in the province, city or municipality.

Therefore, the approval of this amendatory bill is prayed for.


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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 470 (a) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991" THEREBY REQUIRING THE CONCURRENCE OF THE SANGGUNIAN CONCERNED WITH THE LIST OF RECOMMENDEES OF THE GOVERNOR OR MAYOR, TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE FOR THE POSITION OF TREASURER.

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

Section 1. Section 470, paragraph a) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the 'Local Government Code of 1991,' is hereby further amended as follows:

"Section 470. *Appointment, Qualifications, Powers and Duties—*

- a) The treasurer shall be appointed by the Secretary of Finance from a list of at least three (3) ranking eligible recommendees of the governor or mayor, as the case may be, which list shall be with the concurrence of the majority

act in said list within fifteen (15) days from the date of submission; otherwise, the same shall be deemed approved.”

Section 2. *Effectivity clause.* — This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of the publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved.