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HOUSE BILL NO. **6726**



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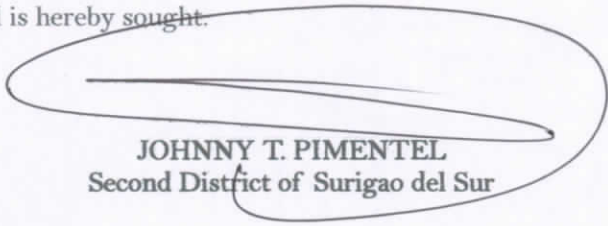
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

1 This bill is proposed to correct an oversight in the Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government  
2 Code of 1991. While the Local Government Code allows municipalities (Section 447, paragraph 5),  
3 cities (Section 458, paragraph 5), and provinces (Section 468, paragraph 4) to establish and operate  
4 vocational, technical schools and post-secondary institutions, barangays have not been granted such  
5 authority.

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7 This bill merely proposes to equalize the playing field between the various local government units  
8 and allow barangays to establish and operate, if they are capacitated to do so, educational  
9 institutions. With the advent of alternative education delivery systems and in light of the ability of  
10 innovative barangays, there is no reason to arbitrarily limit the ability of barangays. One example  
11 would be the Colegio de Liga ng mga Barangay of Butuan City, which delivered quality instruction  
12 to the citizens within their jurisdiction. Rather than curtail, the Local Government Code must  
13 enable barangays to improve the quality of life of their citizens.

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15 For the aforementioned reasons, the passage of this bill is hereby sought.

  
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**AN ACT ENABLING THE AUTHORITY OF THE LIGA NG NGA BARANGAY TO  
ESTABLISH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE  
SECTION 495 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8553,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991**

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

1 **Section 1.** Section 495 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code  
2 of 1991", is hereby amended as follows:

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4 "Section 495. *Powers, Functions and Duties of the Liga.* - The liga shall:

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6 (a) Give priority to programs designed for the total development of the barangays and in  
7 consonance with the policies, programs and projects of the national government;

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9 (b) Assist in the education of barangay residents for people's participation in local  
10 government administration in order to promote united and concerted action to achieve  
11 country-wide development goals;

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13 (c) Supplement the efforts of government in creating gainful employment within the  
14 barangay;

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16 (d) Adopt measures to promote the welfare of barangay officials;

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18 (e) Serve as a forum of the barangays in order to forge linkages with government and non-  
19 governmental organizations and thereby promote the social, economic and political well-  
20 being of the barangays; [and]

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22 (F) SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND TO EXISTING LAWS, RULES  
23 AND REGULATION, ESTABLISH AND PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF  
24 VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS AND SIMILAR POST-SECONDARY  
25 INSTITUTIONS; AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE RELEVANT REGULATORY  
26 AUTHORITY AND SUBJECT TO EXISTING LAWS ON TUITION FEES, FIX  
27 REASONABLE TUITION FEES AND OTHER SCHOOL CHARGES IN  
28 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SUPPORTED BY THE BARANGAY; AND

1 (G) [(f)] Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions which will  
2 bring about stronger ties between barangays and promote the welfare of the barangay  
3 inhabitants.  
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5 **Section 2. *Repealing Clause.*** –All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules or regulations or parts thereof  
6 inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby expressly repealed, amended, or  
7 modified accordingly.  
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9 **Section 3. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect within fifteen (15) after its complete  
10 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.  
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12 Approved.