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HOUSE BILL NO. 3618



Introduced by **Hon. WILTER YAP PALMA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

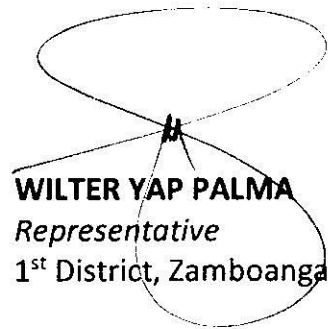
This bill seeks for the mandatory appointment of an Environment and Natural Resources Officer within every Province, City and Municipality.

As nations continue to embrace globalization vis-à-vis industrialization, it is a brutal reality that countries would tend to overlook the negative environmental impact of their actions in the form of deforestation, overconsumption, pollution and poor waste management in the name of rapid growth. Time and time again, we have witnessed our countrymen be accosted by several natural disasters of increasing intensity as a result of global warming and other equivalent alarming environmental crisis. In the face of progressively stronger floods, storms, droughts and heatwaves, these disasters may have been alleviated only if we have established proper environment protection measures which would serve as the pillar not only for the protection of the environment but also for the protection of the Filipino people.

Due to the looming after effects of global warming and other similar environmental crisis, it is evident that we need act with absolute haste in order to immediately impact and address our environmental concerns before it is too late. In light of this, it is high-time that we mandate the mandatory appointment of an officer who would be in charge of addressing the environmental concerns of all

LGUs within the Philippines as the vanguard for delivering proper environmental projects and rehabilitation measures.

For these reasons, the immediate passing of this measure is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

**MAKING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICER MANDATORY IN ALL PROVINCES, CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES,
AMENDING SECTION 484 (a) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 AS AMENDED,
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 484 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160 as amended, otherwise
2 known as the "Local Government Code of 1991" is hereby further amended as
3 follows:

4 "SEC. 484. *Qualifications, Powers and Duties.* – (a) xxx

5 "The appointment of the environment and natural resources officer is
6 [optional] **MANDATORY** for provincial, city, and municipal governments."

7 SEC. 2. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
8 the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

9 Approved,