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8 HOUSE BILL NO. 6604
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13 EXPLANATORY NOTE
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15 In the operations local government units, we see that the General Service Officer is crucial and
16 indispensable. Section 490 of the Local Government Code provides for the qualifications,
17 powers and duties of the General Services Officer. The Local Government Code further
18 mandates the creation of such office for all cities and provinces.

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20 However, the same code omits the creation of a mandatory office of the General Service
21 Officer for municipalities. This omission gives several predicaments with respect to the
22 operation of the municipalities especially as to the duties and responsibilities given to the
23 GSO.

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25 This Bill seeks to address the problem in endowing the uniformity of general services
26 management of the local government units in the provincial, city and municipal levels. It also
27 intends to hasten the delivery of services requiring general services expertise and technical
28 support services. It also seeks to provide an improved system of procurement, care,
29 utilization, custody and disposal of supplies or properties of the local government unit. It
30 envisions further to minimize corrupt practices due to the check and balance between the
31 office and that of the treasurer, and ensure internal control policy by delineating the role of
32 treasurer as "paymaster" and general services officer as the "purchaser." This is set to avoid
33 the duplication of functions between the two offices.

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