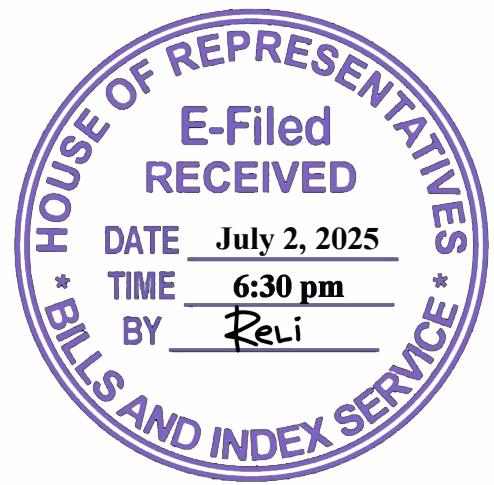


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

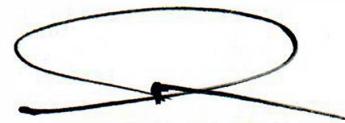
As an archipelagic country, the Philippines face difficulty in the administration and execution of laws throughout the nation. Our early history shows the value of smaller units of the government, when the seats of power were held by sultanates and *datus*. The basic planning unit of our society, Barangays, originated from the word *balangay*, a wooden boat which was instrumental to the Austronesian people in the Philippines for trade and transportation. From barangays, *sanggunians*, and local government instrumentalities, they all play a fundamental role in shaping the nation through legislation and execution of laws.

The 1987 Constitution, recognizes the value of local governments, Article XIII, Sec. 2, of the provides that “The territorial and political subdivisions shall enjoy local autonomy.” Sec. 3 of the same provision enshrines the power of the Congress to “enact a local government code which shall provide for a more responsive and accountable local government structure instituted through a system of decentralization....”

The Congress took a huge leap forward on the road towards autonomy when the Local Government Code of 1991 was enacted into law. More than three decades after, however, several of its provisions require revisions and updating to strengthen the power of the local governments.

Sections 391, 447, 458 and 468 provides for the power of *sanggunians* and barangays to legislate and impose penalties for its violations. Unfortunately, the amount of fines have ceased to deter potential lawbreakers. This bill increases the limits of penalties that can be legislated in local government units.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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

**SECTION 1.** Sec. 391 (a) (13) of Republic Act (RA) No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 391. Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation. -

(a) (13) Prescribe fines in amounts not exceeding TEN THOUSAND PESOS (Php 10,000.00) for violation of barangay ordinances;

**SEC. 2.** Sec. 447 (a) (1) (iii) of Republic Act (RA) No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 447. Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation. -

(b) (1) (iii) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (Php 25,000.00) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding six (6) months, or both in the discretion of the court, for the violation of a municipal ordinance;

**SEC. 3.** Sec. 458 (a) (1) (iii) of RA No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 458. Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation. -

(a) (1) (iii) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (Php 50,000) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year, or both in the discretion of the court, for the violation of a city ordinance;

**SEC. 4.** Sec. 468 (a) (1) (iii) of RA No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) (1) (iii) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (Php 50,000) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year, or both in the discretion of the court, for the violation of a provincial ordinance;

**SEC. 5.** If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**SEC. 7.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*