

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3374



Introduced by Representative ZALDY "JECOY" S. VILLA

AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 463 UNDER CHAPTER 2, TITLE 4, BOOK 3 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Since its passage in 1991, the Local Government Code has empowered local governments to become more responsive, accountable, and efficient in delivering services to the people. However, over the years, many realities on the ground have changed, our population has grown, our local economies have evolved, and the roles of local leaders have expanded significantly.

This proposed amendment to Section 463 of the Code seeks to clarify, strengthen, or update the qualifications, powers, and responsibilities of provincial officials, particularly in light of these new demands. It aims to ensure that the people who hold these key positions have the right experience, training, and capacity to lead in today's fast-changing environment.

The amendment also seeks to enhance accountability and professionalism in local governance recognizing that effective leadership at the provincial level directly impacts the quality of life in our cities and municipalities.

Ultimately, this measure is about keeping our laws in step with the times. It's about making sure our local governments are not just functional, but forward looking led by capable public servants who can deliver real results for the communities they serve.

Let us continue to refine and improve our laws so that local government can live up to its promise, being truly close to the people, and truly working for them.

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 Representative of the Philippines Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 463, Chapter 2, Title 4, Book 3 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 463. *Officials of the Government –*

(A) There shall be in each province a governor, a vice-governor, members of the sangguniang panlalawigan, a secretary to the sangguniang panlalawigan, a secretary to the sangguniang panlalawigan, a provincial treasurer, a provincial assessor, a provincial accountant, a provincial engineer, a provincial budget officer, a provincial planning and development coordinator, a provincial legal officer, a provincial social welfare and development officer, a provincial general services officer, a provincial agriculturist, a provincial veterinarian, and a provincial environment and natural resources officer

SECTION 2. In relation thereto, Article 115(b) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7160 is accordingly amended to read as follows:

Article 115. *Appointive Provincial Officials.* (a) The mandatory appointive provincial officials are as follows:

- (1) secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
- (2) provincial treasurer;
- (3) provincial accountant;

- (4) provincial budget officer;
- (5) provincial planning and development coordinator;
- (6) provincial engineer;
- (7) provincial health officer;
- (8) provincial administrator;
- (9) provincial legal officer;
- (10) provincial agriculturist;
- (11) provincial social welfare and development officer;
- (12) provincial veterinarian;
- (13) provincial general services officer; and
- (14) provincial environment and natural resources officer.

SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision, or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or consistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.