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HOUSE BILL NO. 5894



Introduced by: **REP. SALVADOR A. PLEYTO, SR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The core objective of this measure is to propose amendments to update the punitive powers of the legislative bodies at different Local Government Unit (LGU) levels to ensure local ordinances serve as an effective deterrent against lawbreakers.

The current maximum fines, which have largely remained unchanged since the Local Government Code (LGC) (R.A. No. 7160) was enacted in 1991, have become negligible due to inflation and the passage of time. This makes them ineffective as deterrents, particularly for violations concerning public order, environmental protection, and community safety.

The bill focuses on the sections of the LGC that define the powers of the local legislative councils (or *sanggunians*) to enact ordinances and impose penalties. By increasing the penalty ceiling, the bill seeks to provide LGUs with updated and more effective tools to implement their ordinances, thereby promoting accountability and discipline within the community. This aligns with the principle of local autonomy enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution, enabling local governments to be more responsive to the needs of their constituents.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate consideration and approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 391, 447, 459, AND 468 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, INCREASING THE IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Bulacan Cooperative Heritage Act."

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote the viability and growth of cooperatives as instruments of equity, social justice, and economic development, as enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution. Furthermore, the State shall recognize and preserve the historical contributions of regions and provinces to the national development narrative.

SEC. 3. *Declaration of the Province of Bulacan as the "Cradle of Cooperative Movement in the Philippines."*

The Province of Bulacan is hereby declared as the "Cradle of Cooperative Movement in the Philippines" in recognition of its historical role and initiatives that paved the way for the formal organization and expansion of the cooperative system throughout the country.

SEC. 4. *Role of Government Agencies.* - The Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), and the Provincial Government of Bulacan shall collaborate to:

- a. Officially integrate this designation into their official communications, educational materials, and historical records.
- b. Support the preservation and marking of historical sites related to the early cooperative movement in the province.
- c. Promote the historical significance of Bulacan's cooperative movement through various commemorative and educational activities.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,