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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the name of local autonomy, local government units (LGUs) must be accorded enough resources to make themselves self-reliant, especially so with the decentralization of powers and functions brought about by the Local Government Code.

Hence, this bill seeks to provide LGUs, specifically municipalities, additional revenue by including municipal sea water within the fifteen-kilometer radius jurisdiction part of the internal revenue allotment computation.

Likewise, with this bill, LGUs, whose primordial duty is to protect the natural resources found within its jurisdiction, like the forest and municipal sea water, will be made more accountable and, at the same time, equipped with the resources that they need in fulfilling the said mandate.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
MAKING MUNICIPAL SEA WATER WITHIN THE FIFTEEN-KILOMETER
RADIUS JURISDICTION PART OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT
COMPUTATION FOR MUNICIPALITIES

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

Congress assembled:

Section 1. It is hereby declared a policy of the State to promote and strengthen self-reliance among local government units in consonance with the principle of autonomy and decentralization. Self reliance as a means of achieving local government empowerment is realizable by increasing the budgetary power of local government units.

Sec. 2. Any law, presidential issuance or rules and regulations to the contrary notwithstanding, sea water within the fifteen (15) kilometer radius jurisdiction of municipalities shall be included in the computation of the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of such municipalities.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) together with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall promulgate the necessary guidelines and rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

Sec. 3. All laws, presidential issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall be deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect immediately following its complete publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,