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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The government's thrust towards environmental preservation and restoration requires the participation of all its implementing units and agencies. Although the problem concerning our environment is national in nature, the most effective approach would start with a parochial one.

This bill intends to amend the section in the Local Government Code that indicates the appointment of an officer in charge of the environmental affairs optional. The necessity to make this appointment mandatory is recognized because the presence of an such an officer in every locality is very important for the overseeing, monitoring, and development of the government programs in their place of jurisdiction.

For these reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

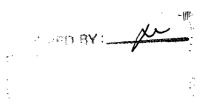
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AN ACT

TO STRENGHTEN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION BY MAKING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER MANDATORY FOR PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 484 (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

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

assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 484 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as

follows:

"SEC. 484. Qualifications, Powers and Duties. - (a) XXX The appointment of the

environment and natural resources officer is [optional] MANDATORY for the

provincial, city and municipal governments."

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication

either in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,