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S. BILL NO. 1387

Introduced by SENATOR RALPH G. RECTO

Explanatory Note

The bill seeks to institutionalize local autonomy by strengthening the fiscal autonomy of local government units (LGUs). It is also one way of giving LGUs a greater flexibility in the choice of their depository bank thus making LGUs independent and allowing them to become effective partners in nation building.

One of the provisions in the said statute that fully guarantees local autonomy and the vitality of the LGUs as a political units is Section 521. The said provision mandates that Congress shall undertake a mandatory review of the code at least once every five years and as often as it may deem necessary, with the primary objective of providing a more responsive and accountable local government structure.

The requisite review of the Local Government Code is something which almost all local government units look forward to with great enthusiasm as it will pave the way for a more effective LGU.

Approval of this bill, therefore, is earnestly requested.


RALPH G. RECTO

