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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The functions, duties and responsibilities of the secretaries of the local *sanggunians* are vital to policy formulation and program of local government units, as provided for under Book 3, Title 5, Article 1, Section 469 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code. Accordingly, they must be given an appropriate rank with a commensurate salary.

Presently, however, the secretaries to the local *sanggunians* are career officials with the rank and salary equal to a head of department or office. Thus, whether they are in the provinces, cities or municipalities, they are in a lower category compared to the heads of departments or offices within the LGUs. Hence, this bill seeks to elevate the position of all secretaries to the *sanggunians*.

This is a Senate counterpart bill to one filed in the House of Representatives by Rep. Edgar M. Chatto.*

ccs. 
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

* This bill was originally filed in the 14th Congress.

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1 AN ACT
2 TO UPGRADE THE POSITION OF SECRETARIES TO THE SANGGUNIAN
3 AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 469 (A), OF CHAPTER 3, BOOK 3, TITLE 5
4 ARTICLE I OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
5 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 469 (a), of Chapter 3, Book 3, Title 5, Article 1 of Republic Act
7 No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read
8 as follows:

9 SECTION. 469. *Qualifications, Powers and Duties.* - (a) There shall be a
10 secretary to the sanggunian who shall be a career official AND [with the rank and
11 salary equal to] a head of department or office.

12 SECTION 2. All laws, decrees, executive orders, presidential issuances and circulars
13 issued by administrative bodies which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed,
14 amended or modified accordingly.

15 SECTION 3. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not
16 affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions thereof.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least
18 two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,