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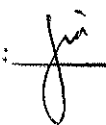


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

We often heard that teaching is not just a profession but a vocation. It entails a lot of dedication and perseverance for one to endure and survive in this kind of endeavor. Financial gain is not the primary consideration but the love and passion to share the knowledge one learned and acquired through best education and work experience.

Teachers, professors, instructors, educators or any other names they are called for are aware that they have a great responsibility of molding the youth not only of becoming responsible individuals but also an advocate of change and progress in society. Thus, they play a vital role in preparing the youth in nation-building.

The State recognizes the importance of this role, and institutes a policy that establishes, maintains, and supports a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.

It is in this regard that we should not deprive our students to be taught by competent and highly qualified educators. In the same vein, we should not divest from the local chief executives who have expertise in certain fields and have shown exemplary achievements, the opportunity to teach. We should not punish these local chief executives by not allowing them to teach at the expense of our youth's education for the sole reason that they are elected as chief local executives.

Hence, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
AMENDING PARAGRAPH (A), SECTION 90 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 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. Paragraph (a), Section 90 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 is hereby amended as follows:

“Section 90. Practice of Profession.

“(a) **EXCEPT IN TEACHING PROFESSION IN THEIR FIELD OF EXPERTISE**, all governors, city and municipal mayors are prohibited from practicing their profession or engaging in any occupation other than the exercise of their functions as local chief executives, **PROVIDED FURTHER THAT HOURS CONSUMED IN TEACHING SHALL NOT EXCEED FIVE HOURS PER WEEK**”.

SECTION 2. Separability Clause – If for any reason any section or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause – Any laws, decrees, or rules and regulations which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repealed.

SECTION 4. Effectivity Clause – This Act shall take effect upon its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,