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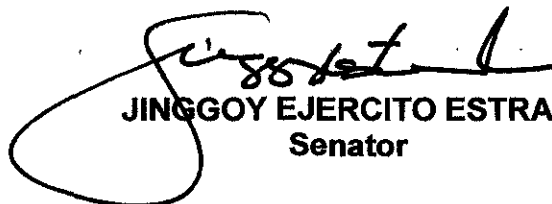## SENATE

Senate Bill No. 1528

INTRODUCED BY SEN. JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA

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 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.

JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Senator

S E N A T E

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AN ACT
TO STRENGTHEN 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."

SEC. 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,