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SENATE S. No. <u>1824</u>

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, Section 17(b), Paragraph 1(v) provides for the devolution to local government units the maintenance of *barangay* roads, bridges and water supply systems.

Barangay funds mostly come from shares from Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) where computation is based on land area and population. However, there are *barangays* with small land areas but with extensive network which requires maintenance expenses exceeding available funds based on the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA).

Since local government units hardly have the funds to discharge such obligation, this bill seeks to repeal the said provision in order that the maintenance of said roads should return to the national government.*

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^{*} This bill was originally filed during the Thirteenth Congress, First Regular Session.

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AN ACT REPEALING SECTION 17 (B), PARAGRAPH 1(V) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, ALSO KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, ON THE OBLIGATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO MAINTAIN *BARANGAY* ROADS, BRIDGES AND WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:* SECTION 1. Section 17(b), Paragraph 1(v) of Republic Act No. 7610, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby repealed. SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly. SECTION 3. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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Approved,