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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 256

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Local Government and Tourism on
SEP 22 2015

Re: Senate Bill No. 922

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: Senator Marcos, Jr.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Local Government and Tourism to which was referred Senate Bill No. 922, introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid, entitled:

**"AN ACT
AMENDING SECTIONS 443, 454 AND 463 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"**

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, line 11, after the phrase "municipal health officer" delete the conjunction "and" ;
2. On the same page, line 12, after the word "registrar" insert the phrase '**AND A MUNICIPAL TOURISM OFFICER**';
3. On the same page, delete lines 14 to 18,
4. On page 2, line 4, after the first word "officer" delete the conjunction "and";

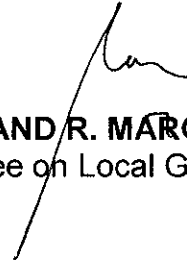
5. On the same page and line, after the phrase “a city general services officer” insert the phrase “ **AND A CITY TOURISM OFFICER**”;
6. On the same page, delete Lines 6 to 10;
7. On the same page, line 24, after the word “agriculturist” delete the conjunction “and”;
8. On the same page, line 25, after the phrase “provincial veterinarian” insert the phrase “**AND A PROVINCIAL TOURISM OFFICER**”;
9. On the same page, delete lines 27 to 31;
10. On the same page, delete lines 33 to 35;
11. And renumber the succeeding Sections accordingly.

Respectfully submitted:

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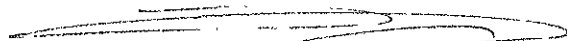
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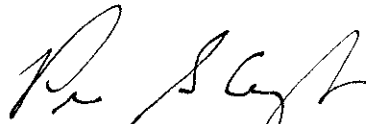
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Tourism is a fast-growing industry in the Philippines. In fact, as of 2013, tourism is being eyed as one of the forerunners for the country's economic growth. It is expected to generate a significant number of local employment opportunities. As such, there is a need to strengthen tourism safeguards set forth in Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as the "Tourism Act of 2009."

One of the concerns raised by local government units where tourism is a significant industry is the lack of a permanent position for a tourism officer. Section 42 of R.A. 9593 explicitly mandates that a permanent position for tourism officers be created in local government units where tourism is a significant industry. However, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991," contains no such provision in its exclusive list of officers for every local government unit.

The lack of a specific amendatory clause in R.A. 9593 resulted in the failure to establish a permanent position for tourism officers despite the need therefor, as stated by local government units. The proposed legislation intends to address this issue by amending the relevant provisions of R.A. 7160. The present bill will promote the growth of the tourism industry by strengthening grass-root regulation and promotion of tourism in the country.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTIONS 443, 454, and 463 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

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

1 SECTION 1. Sections 443 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
2 "Local Government Code of 1991" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3
4 Sec. 443. *Officials of the Municipal Government.*

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6 (a) There shall be in each municipality a municipal mayor, a municipal
7 vice mayor, Sangguniang Bayan members, a secretary to the
8 Sangguniang Bayan, a municipal treasurer, a municipal assessor, a
9 municipal accountant, a municipal budget officer, a municipal
10 planning and development coordinator, a municipal
11 engineer/building official, a municipal health officer, and a municipal
12 civil registrar.

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14 IN MUNICIPALITIES WHERE TOURISM IS A SIGNIFICANT
15 INDUSTRY, A TOURISM OFFICER SHALL ALSO BE
16 APPOINTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUALIFICATIONS
17 SET FORTH IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593, OTHERWISE KNOWN
18 AS THE "TOURISM ACT OF 2009."

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21 SEC. 2. Sections 454 of the Local Government Code of 1991 is hereby amended
22 to read as follows:

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24 Sec. 454. *Officials of the City Government.*

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26 (a) There shall be in each city a mayor, vice mayor, Sangguniang
27 Panlungsod members, a secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod, a
28 city treasurer, a city assessor, a city accountant, a city budget officer, a

1 city planning and development coordinator, a city engineer, a city
2 health officer, a city civil registrar, a city administrator, a city legal
3 officer, a city veterinarian, a city social welfare and development
4 officer, and a city general services officer.
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6 **IN CITIES WHERE TOURISM IS A SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRY, A**
7 **TOURISM OFFICER SHALL ALSO BE APPOINTED, IN**
8 **ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUALIFICATIONS SET FORTH IN**
9 **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE**
10 **"TOURISM ACT OF 2009."**
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12 **SEC. 3.** Sections 463 of the Local Government Code of 1991 is hereby amended
13 to read as follows:
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15 *Sec. 463. Officials of the Provincial Government.*
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17 (a) There shall be in each province a governor, a vice governor, members
18 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, a secretary to the Sangguniang
19 Panlalawigan, a provincial treasurer, a provincial assessor, a
20 provincial accountant, a provincial engineer, a provincial budget
21 officer, a provincial planning and development coordinator, a
22 provincial legal officer, a provincial administrator, a provincial health
23 officer, a provincial social welfare and development officer, a
24 provincial general services officer, a provincial agriculturist, and a
25 provincial veterinarian.
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27 **IN PROVINCES WHERE TOURISM IS A SIGNIFICANT**
28 **INDUSTRY, A TOURISM OFFICER SHALL ALSO BE**
29 **APPOINTED, IN ACCORDANCE TO THE QUALIFICATIONS SET**
30 **FORTH IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS**
31 **THE "TOURISM ACT OF 2009."**
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33 **SEC. 4. *Implementing Agency.*** The Department of Interior and Local
34 Governance (DILG) in coordination with the Department of Tourism (DOT) shall
35 promulgate the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.
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37 **SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules,
38 and regulations, or portions thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or
39 modified accordingly.
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41 **SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.*** If any part of provision of this Act shall be held
42 unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall
43 continue to be in full force and effect.
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1 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
2 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,