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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to repeal the entire Section 90 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, which prohibits and limits the practice of profession by elected government officials.

This particular provision has flagrantly been violated in the desire of elected government officials to augment their meager income by practicing their respective professions. Understandably, the Department of Interior and Local Government has manifestly failed to implement said provision, or enforce its faithful observance.

While the members of the various professions who are elected local government officials are apparently allowed or tolerated to practice their respective professions, the lawyers on the other hand, appear to be the most affected by the prohibition and limitation as provided for under the said provision.

It is proposed, therefore, to repeal the entire Section 90 of R.A. 7160 so as to provide for equality, fairness, and equitable treatment among the professionals who are elected local government officials by allowing them to practice their respective professions without any discrimination.

The immediate approval of this bill is recommended.

  
JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA  
Senator

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KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, PROHIBITING AND  
LIMITING THE PRACTICE OF PROFESSION BY ELECTED LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 90 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the  
Local Government Code of 1991, prohibiting and limiting the practice of  
profession by elected local government officials, is hereby repealed.

**SEC 2.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

*Approved,*