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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The 1987 Constitution provides that the territorial and political subdivisions of the Republic of the Philippines are the provinces, cities, municipalities, and the barangays. It further stated that these territorial and political subdivisions shall enjoy local autonomy. Local autonomy means a more responsive and accountable local government structure through a system of decentralization.<sup>1</sup> It is through the system of decentralization that local government units were given more powers, authority, responsibilities, and resources to meet the demands of their constituencies.

Under Section 470 and 471, Article II, Title V of the Local Government Code of 1991, both the city treasurer and assistant treasurer shall be appointed by the Secretary of Finance. Administrative supervision over the treasurer shall remain with the governor or mayor, as the case may be. However, the governor or the mayor is not given the power to discipline, suspend or dismiss erring treasurers. It is for this reason that this bill seeks to amend Sections 470 and 471 of the Local Government Code.

This bill proposes that the appointment of City Treasurer and Assistant City Treasurer be vested in the governor of the province or the mayor of the city or municipality concerned considering not only the fact that the code itself provides that administrative supervision is lodged with the governor of the province, as the case may be, but also the fact that the treasurers are wholly paid from local funds. Thus, direct supervision by the governor or mayor concerned should include the power to appoint the treasurer and the assistant treasurer. This would ensure a more responsive and accountable local government.

Immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

  
**MARIO VITTORIO "MARVEY" A. MARIÑO**

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<sup>1</sup> G.R. No 195390, December 10, 2014

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**AN ACT AMENDING TITLE V, SECTION 470 (A), (B) AND  
SECTION 471 (A) 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:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 470 (A) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, herein after referred to as the Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 470. Appointment, Qualifications, Powers and Duties - (a) The Treasurer shall be appointed by the **GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE, OR THE CITY OR MUNICIPAL MAYOR CONCERNED, AS THE CASE MAY BE**, subject to civil service law, rules and regulations.

**SECTION 2.** Section 470 (B) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, herein after referred to as the Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 470. (b) The treasurer shall be under the **DIRECT CONTROL AND SUPERVISION** of the governor or mayor, as the case may be, to whom he shall report regularly on the tax collection efforts in the local government unit.

**SECTION 3.** Section 471 (A) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, herein after referred to as the Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 471. Assistant Treasurer - (a) An assistant treasurer may be appointed by the **GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE, OR THE CITY OR MUNICIPAL**

**MAYOR CONCERNED, AS THE CASE MAY BE,**  
subject to civil service law, rules and regulations.

**SECTION 4.** Repealing Clause. All laws, rules and regulations, decrees, issuance of any part or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 5.** Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions are not affected hereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

**SECTION 6.** Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, whichever comes first.

Approved.