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House Bill No. 5475

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Introduced by CIBAC Party-List Representatives  
Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" C. Villanueva and Domingo C. Rivera

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**AN ACT PROMOTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPOWERMENT  
IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 284  
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

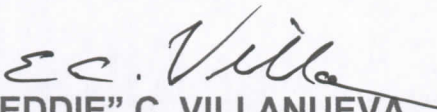
Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 (LGC) seeks to empower Local Government Units (LGUs) by giving them the authority to effectively formulate and implement their respective projects and programs by, among others, giving them a just share in the national taxes and empowering them to create their own sources of revenue.

The share of the LGUs in national taxes is realized through the automatic and release of Internal Revenue Allotments (IRA) to each LGU. The IRA from the National Government enables the LGUs to fund their respective programs consistent with the national objective of effectively carrying out devolved functions.

Aside from their right to a just share in national taxes, LGUs are also empowered under the LGC to create and broaden their own sources of revenue, by giving them, for example, the power to tax the transfer of real property ownership. However, many LGUs continue to suffer from limited fiscal resources, and thus, fail to adequately provide services and programs to their constituents. To date, many LGUs continue to rely on direct provision from the national government especially for programs and projects that contribute to local development.

To address the issue of scarce resources faced by many LGUs, this bill seeks to provide additional funding to LGUs by amending Section 248 of the LGC by increasing their share in the national taxes from forty percent (40%) to fifty percent (50%).

Given the abovementioned concerns, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 284 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local  
2 Government Code of 1991" is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4 "SECTION 284. Allotment of Internal Revenue Taxes. –

5 Local government units shall have a share in the national [internal revenue]  
6 taxes based on the collection of the third fiscal year preceding the current fiscal  
7 year as follows:

- 8 a) On the first year of the effectivity of this Code, thirty percent (30%);  
9 b) On the second year, thirty-five percent (35%); and  
10 c) On the third year and thereafter, FIFTY PERCENT (50%) [forty percent  
11 (40%).]

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14 **SECTION 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – Within sixty (60) days from  
15 the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Finance and the Secretary of Budget and  
16 Management, in consultation with the Leagues of Provinces, Cities and  
17 Municipalities, Liga ng mga Barangay and other relevant stakeholders, shall



1 promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of  
2 this Act.

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4 **SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.*** – If any provision of this Act or the application  
5 such provision to any person or circumstances is declared unconstitutional, the  
6 remainder of the Act or the application of such provision to other person or  
7 circumstances shall not be affected by such declaration.

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9 **SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,  
10 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation of the  
11 contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Act is hereby repealed or  
12 modified accordingly.

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14 **SECTION 5. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date  
15 of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general  
16 circulation.

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19 **Approved,**